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### Prosecutor "evades" Jewish input

# *Hate promoters convicted*

By
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TORONTO —
The crown attorney who succeeded in winning convictions against two Toronto men found guilty recently of promoting hatred against non-whites says she meant "no disrespect" in not consulting the Jewish community during the course of the trial.

Michael Anne MacDonald says she purposely evaded input from the Jewish community because she did not want the question of religious hatred to enter the case.

**Donald Andrews, 43, and Robert Smith, 34, were found guilty of promoting hatred against non-whites to a degree that was "obscene," ruled District Court Judge Ted Wren.**

**Last week, Andrews was sentenced to one year in prison and Smith to seven months. Both the their convictions and sentences will be appealed.**

**Andrews and Smith disseminated their material, also referred to by Wren as "garbage," through copies of The Nationalist Report, the official organ of the Nationalist Party of Canada, of which Andrews is leader and founder and Smith is secretary.**

**The two were charged with wilfully promoting hatred against an identifiable group— non-whites, under section 281.2 (2) of the Criminal Code.**

**MacDonald told The CJN in an interview following the conviction that including charges of promoting hatred against Jews would have raised the issue of religious hatred. That, she explained, could have allowed the accused the legitimate and likely successful defence of honestly having believed their views.**

**As it turned out, she said, hatred against Jews surfaced anyway in the form of racial hatred, which is easier to prove.**

Andrews, a former leader of the Western Guard Party, was described as publisher of The Nationalist Report and Smith as an editor. The publication, court was told, appeared from six to 10 times a year between December, 1980 and March, 1984.

Although promoting hatred against Jews did not form part of the Crown's argument, Wren said it was "blatantly apparent" the material could promote hatred against Jews.

"It repeats ad nauseum the unfounded, untrue and libelous calumnies of a worldwide Jewish con-

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# Marx gets justice post in Quebec's new govt.

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —
Herbert Marx was appointed justice minister last week by Premier Robert Bourassa making him only the second Jewish cabinet minister in Quebec history.

He is also minister responsible for consumer protection and deregulation.

Marx, 53, has been the member of the National Assembly for D'Arcy McGee, a west end Montreal riding with a 60% Jewish population, since 1979. He was the justice critic in the shadow cabinet of both Bourassa and former Liberal leader Claude Ryan.

**The first Quebec Jewish minister was Dr. Victor Goldbloom who was named environment minister by Bourassa in 1970. The municipal affairs portfolio was added to Goldbloom's responsibilities in 1973, and in 1975 he became the minister responsible for the 1976 Montreal Olympics Installations Board.**

Goldbloom was the MNA for D'Arcy McGee for 14 years until his resignation in 1979. Marx was first elected in the D'Arcy McGee byelection that year and reelected in 1981 and again this December. In all three of his elections he received at least 95% of the popular vote.

Marx, the son of a Latvian immigrant clothing industry worker, grew up on Esplanade St. in the old Jewish district around St. Urbain St. He stills speaks a fair Yiddish.

After high school Marx went to work for an electrical lighting company. In his 20s he began going to

Herbert Marx

Sir George Williams University at night and earned a BA degree and a Masters in English literature. At the age of 32 he entered the law school of the University of Montreal and later received a Masters law degree from Harvard University.

**When he received the Liberal nomination in D'Arcy McGee six years ago, it was his first foray into the world of politics. Marx, who was a constitutional law professor at the University of Montreal, was virtually plucked from academia. He is still on a 10 year sabbatical leave from his university job.**

Prior to his first election Marx had been chairman of the Quebec Human Rights Commission since 1976. He was also a member of the French Fact Committee of Allied Jewish Community Services and the Community Relations Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress. Marx continued his advocacy of civil liberties throughout the time he has been a MNA, taking high profile stands on a wide variety of rights issues.

Marx, the only Jewish MNA at present, takes pride in the fact that he enjoys a rapport with both the leadership and grassroots of the Jewish community. He has always seen his role in Quebec politics as more than the representation of the immediate interests of his constituents.

**"Being Jewish entails the responsibility of not only representing a riding that is predominantly Jewish, but representing to a great extent the whole Jewish community of Quebec. I must be conscious that Quebecers see the Jewish community very often vis-a-vis Herb Marx. I have to stand for the highest ideals of Yiddishkeit."**

Marx and his wife, the former Eva Felsenburg, have two children age 20 and 15.

### *Autonomy talks "dead"*

# Israeli split looms over Taba dispute

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

The Israeli government, torn by divisions regarding the peace process and Israel's relationship with Egypt, will reportedly hold an important meeting this week on how best to resolve the nagging Taba issue.

**Prime Minister Shimon Peres will confer with his senior ministers after three days of intensive talks last week which were described by Israel as successful. No details, however, were released.**

The negotiations, which took place in Egypt and Israel, revolved around the territorial status of a sliver of desert and beach front south of the Israeli port of Eilat. The site contains a new luxury hotel and a palm-fringed bohemian resort known for its nude bathers.

Israel and Egypt have disputed Taba's ownership for several years now, and despite a series of top-level discussions since Israel's withdrawal from the Sinai in 1982, there has been little visible progress in resolving the contentious matter.

Taba also divides Israel's national unity government. In the midst of last week's talks, some Israeli newspapers reported that Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir had accused the head of the Israeli delegation, Gen. Avraham Tamir, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, of taking too conciliatory a line toward the Egyptians.

The accusation, if true, would not be surprising, since Tamir is a member of the Labor Party. The other leading member of the Israeli negotiating team, David Kimche, director-general of the foreign ministry, is considered loyal to the Likud bloc.

Israel went into the Taba talks with no single policy. Egypt wants to tackle the problem through binding arbitration. But Israel effectively has two policies. Labor is prepared to accede to Egypt's demand, while Likud insists on trying non-binding conciliation before arbitration is taken up as an option. In spite of numerous discussions, Peres and Shamir have failed to bridge their differences.

**According to unconfirmed reports coming out of Israel, Tamir worked out a formula**

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# Religious parties likely to lose confidence bid

By
DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) —
**Labor and Likud are expected to put aside their sharp differences to stave off a revolt by the religious parties in their unity coalition government.**

Although political observers do not see it as a serious threat, Premier Shimon Peres called on Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud leader, for cooperation between the two major coalition partners to kill a non-confidence motion by the religious factions in the Knesset.

The latter, Aguda Israel, Shas, National Religious Party and Morasha, control 12 seats in the 120-member parliament. According to observers, the only danger their non-confidence motion poses is that, given the delicate political balance in the coalition, it could snowball for reasons far removed from the religious issues that prompted it.

The four religious factions meeting recently, threatened to introduce their motion this week for three reasons.

- They are unhappy over the failure to bring up their Who is a Jew amendment to the Law of Return for another vote in the Knesset — it was twice defeated in recent years — and are furious with Peres' proposal to freeze the divisive issue for 10 years.
- They are disappointed that so far they have been unable to stop Brigham Young University from building a new Mormon Centre adjacent to the Hebrew University campus on Mt. Scopus, a project approved by the Jerusalem municipality.
- They are aroused by their failure to force the government to ban Saturday games at the new Ramat Gan football stadium.

The sound and fury of the religious MKs was aimed mainly at Peres. This may have heartened Haim Kaufman (Likud Herut) who, as chairman of the coalition factions, attended the meeting as an observer. But he apparently was not pleased to hear his religious colleagues demand that Likud exercise party discipline to force its members to support the Who is a Jew amendment.

Kaufman is well aware that such a move would trigger a rebellion by Likud Liberals, most of whom

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## *Holiday deadlines*

**Because of the holiday season, deadlines for the Jan. 2 and Jan. 9 issues have been moved ahead.**

**Deadline for the Jan. 2 issue is Monday noon, Dec. 23. Deadline for the Jan. 9 issue is Monday noon, Dec. 30. These are deadlines for copy arrival in Toronto, earlier deadlines apply for Montreal.**

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### CBC could do better

# *Creampuff blast against race hatred*

**Thomas Peacocke portrays an anti-semitic history teacher who poisons the mind of a 13-year-old student played by Jason Hopley in CBC docudrama, Oakmount High.**

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —
**Jim Keegstra needn't have bothered getting an injunction that barred the CBC from airing in Alberta a TV drama allegedly based on himself as a history teacher convicted of promoting racial hatred against Jews.**

*Oakmount High*, which was billed as a powerful social tract, turned out to be a sudsy hour-long soap opera.

Even worse, the character chosen to deliver the message against anti-semitic hatemongering is an obnoxious 13-year-old student who ends the overly pat melodrama by gushing irrelevantly: "I love you, Mom."

In short, co-writers Peter Jobin and Timothy Bond (who also served as director) labored like a mountain and produced a pipsqueak of a docudrama. It makes one wonder what the fuss was all about.

**The controversy was touched off last fortnight when Justice Gregory Forsyth of Alberta agreed with Doug Christie, the lawyer of the former Eckville history teacher, that the program "constitutes a thinly disguised characterization of Keegstra" and would amount to potential contempt of court if shown.**

Keegstra is appealing his

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# World-National

## Government secrecy hid Nazis in U.S.

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

While the Deschenes Commission, with its particular problems and challenge, is at work in Canada, it may be useful to look across the border. For there too questions have arisen about the treatment by government of war criminals, and just now the revelations are beginning to create a public furor.

Rabbi Plaut

A little while ago I was in Washington and had occasion to meet Linda Hunt, a freelance journalist and assistant professor of communications at Salisbury State College in Maryland. She has had 12 years of investigative reporting to her credit and is now preparing a documentary and book on Operation Paperclip.

Perhaps you did not know what Operation Paperclip stands for? That's not surprising, for almost no one else did either — not until Ms Hunt brought it to the public's attention. To put it simply, that code word described the practice of the U.S. government to bring Nazi scientists secretly to America — regardless of their Nazi past and even regardless of their war crimes — and to hide their previous activities under a blanket of innocence.

Now the subject has been burst wide open with the publication of an article, authored by Ms Hunt. Entitled "U.S. coverup of Nazi scientists," it has appeared in the prestigious Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists and was timed to highlight the 40th anniversary of the Nuremberg trials. It discusses and raises questions about such well known figures as Wernher von Braun, Arthur Rudolph and Herbert Axster, and proceeds to show how Operation Paperclip functioned to wipe the slate clean for a large group of German scientists.

**The documents show, Hunt writes, "that the war department was intent on using Nazi specialists and was not about to let other governmental agencies or even a policy signed by President Truman get in its way."**

**No fewer than 765 specialists were contracted under Paperclip. "It is ironic that this program, whose original purpose was to assure that Nazi Germany could not rearm, officially ended in 1957 due to protests by West Germany that the United States had stripped that country of scientific skills."**

The journal's editor, Len Ackland, takes pains to call his readers attention to Hunt's article, which shows that war atrocities were excused if the criminal was deemed useful to America and could be kept from falling into Soviet hands.

Aside from all else, says the editor, Hunt's article "is a timely warning that official secrecy breeds abuse. Behind its curtain, government officials can act arbitrary, safe in the knowledge that they will not be held accountable. . . . Official secrecy is a norm in totalitarian societies; it is a dangerous threat to democracies."

That stands as a warning for Canadians too, well after the Deschenes Commission finishes its work.

# *Aid plan pullback, spy case linked*

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

Democratic Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii has withdrawn his proposed $531 million amendment to cut the prevailing interest rates on outstanding U.S. military loans to Israel from 12% to 5%.

The withdrawal of the amendment, which had been well on its way toward final passage this year, has come in the aftermath of the Jonathan Jay Pollard spy scandal and the consensus opinion among Israel's best friends on Capitol Hill that this was not the right time to seek the extra aid for Israel.

There was fear that a prolonged debate over the added aid in the Senate and House of Representatives would have merely ensured that the spying allegations against Israel would continue to receive extensive exposure in the American news media.

Israeli officials have been anxious to try to remove the matter from such high public visibility.

Inouye, a strong supporter of Israel and the ranking minority member of the Senate appropriations subcommitee on foreign operations, did not directly refer to the Pollard case in explaining his decision to drop the initiative at this time.

Instead, he cited strict budgetary problems in Congress and fresh assurances from Secretary of State George Shultz that the administration would itself study other means to ease Israel's foreign debt repayment problems.

The administration had opposed the Inouye amendment as "budget busting." It had noted that Israel was already slated to receive $3 billion in economic and military grants in the 1986 fiscal year foreign aid bill. Beyond that assistance, Congress passed earlier this year a supplementary, 2-year $1.5 billion economic package for Israel.

The Wall Street Journal said Israel's supporters in Congress had looked for "a graceful way to pullback" from the Inouye proposal. "They don't want to be seen as punishing Israel, but they also fear that continuing to push for aid will prolong the spy controversy," the newspaper said.

**Israeli officials, who had warmly welcomed the Inouye plan as representing a major long-term bonanza for Israel's ailing economy, privately acknowledged that the decision to withdraw the amendment was the first "tangible" damage caused by the Pollard case. They expressed hope that Inouye would revive his initiative next year.**

**Had the Inouye amendment passed this year, congressional observers said, there almost certainly would have been even more significant economic savings for Israel in the long run. The initial saving for Israel next year — as envisaged in the ill-fated Inouye proposal — was to be followed in subsequent years by additional amendments aimed at reducing the interest rates on other outstanding loans.**

"All of that is now going to have to wait until the dust settles from the Pollard business," a pro-Israeli congressional source said.

The state department, meanwhile, has defended the decision to name its legal advisor, Judge Abraham Sofaer, as the head of the U.S. delegation to Israel to investigate the Pollard scandal.

Spokesman Charles Redman, asked at a news briefing whether Sofaer was a Jew or Zionist, replied: "It's not my role to comment on those kinds of questions."

But when pressed about Sofaer's background, Redman said: "The state department feels that officials with the state department will conduct their business in a thoroughly professional manner, and there's absolutely no question whatsoever that Judge Sofaer and other people participating in this delegation will not do so on a pat basis."

Sofaer, a former New York state judge, presided over the Ariel Sharon versus Time Magazine libel trial before joining the state department last summer. He was widely praised for his handling of that trial. He is Jewish and a frequent visitor to Israel.

Joining him in the delegation to Israel were other senior officials of the state department, justice department, the FBI and the U.S. attorney's office for the District of Columbia.

The state department said that it expected Israel to fully cooperate with the delegation. "We intend to pursue this case," Redman said, adding that the U.S. has been assured of "the full cooperation of the Israeli authorities." That, he added, "continues to be the ground rules under which we operate."

Redman also confirmed that Minister Without Portfolio Moshe Arens, a former ambassador to the U.S., met in Washington confidentially with Secretary of State George Shultz. "It concerned the Pollard case," Redman said. But he declined to elaborate.

Shultz met with Arens two weeks earlier, on the night Pollard was arrested outside the Israeli embassy in Washington. That session had been previously scheduled, long before the U.S. civilian naval intelligence analyst was picked up on espionage charges. During that first meeting, the two men discussed the case in some detail although other issues were also reviewed.

This second session was exclusively devoted to the logistics of the U.S. delegation's visit to Israel and other aspects of the affair.

Shultz and Arens established a close, personal friendship during Arens' tenure as ambassador in Washington. Both are known to have extremely high regard for each other.

Shultz, in announcing the visit at a news conference said: "We have every reason to believe that the issues involved will be resolved satisfactorily."

The secretary, responding to a question, continued to insist that Israel could be expected to cooperate with the United States into the investigaton. The sessions in Israel were to be held behind closed doors. Israel is determined to try to give them as little visibility as possible.

Asked specifically about the recent espionage cases in Washington involving alleged agents of Israel and China, the Secretary said: "Obviously, we are concerned about all espionage against the United States from whatever corridor, and that goes across the board."

U.S. officials have conceded that Israel's willingness to expose their representatives to such interrogation was without precedent in diplomatic history. They said that Israel was apparently prepared to cooperate in an effort to limit the damage to overall U.S.-Israeli relations from the affair.

Shultz, who personally has taken the lead in Washington in trying to repair the damage, had reached an informal agreement with Prime Minister Shimon Peres a week earlier to allow U.S. investigators to travel to Israel to interview the Israeli officials.

## Spying becomes ephemeral and morally confusing, too

By
RICHARD COHEN

WASHINGTON —

E. L. Doctorow's new book is called World's Fair. The fair of the title is the 1939 one in New York, maybe the last with the capacity to absolutely wow those who came to see it. Since then there have been many fairs, but television and movies have surpassed them as mediums of wonder. Like aging singers who are introduced as either Miss of Mister, they coast on their reputations.

It is the same with spies. A baker's dozen has been arrested so far this year. Most of them were in the alleged hire of the Soviet Union, which is serious stuff. But one was supposedly working for the Israelis (or an Israeli), two for Ghana, one for a British magazine, Jane's Defence Weekly, and one for what Richard Nixon used to call Red China but which we now call The People's Republic of. They, too, are given star billing.

**The arrest of each spy warranted breathless front-page stories and precious minutes of television news. It's hard to see why. Ghana is not a threat to us, nor is Israel; China once was, but isn't anymore. As for Samuel Loring Morison, the former navy intelligence analyst who provided U.S. satellite pictures of Soviet ships to Jane's, he is not even a spy in the conventional sense of the word.**

The remaining spies allegedly sold information to the Soviets which is serious business, but somehow not so serious that anything much seems to change. The damage is always hard to measure. The government, of course, routinely says it's either immense or incalculable. But recently a spokesman made the mistake of trying to calculate it. "It's going to cost us millions to recoup, if we can," he told the New York Times. That's hardly the same as saying we might as well kiss the East Coast goodbye.

How then do we explain our continuing fascination with spies and spying? How in an age when two nations have nuclear arsenals capable of destroying the world . . . when much intelligence is being conducted by satellites in space and discs standing sentry in the Arctic . . . when we know that no spy can make a real difference because no real difference can be made . . . why do we still care so much about spies?

The answer is that we are hopeless romantics. We'd like to think that individuals still matter. We would like to think that despite all the gizmos in space and the gadgets at the National Security Agency, a person (maybe in a trench coat) can still alter history. Once, of course, that could be done. A battle plan in the hands of the enemy could mean national defeat. But in the Cold War, there are no battles. There are only plans.

**Spying is a serious business and I am not trying to belittle it. Whatever the value of the information stolen, we are still talking treason, which is another word for betrayal. Those are ugly words, but they match the deed. And spying can have tragic consequences. There is reason to believe that one of our own agents was killed by the Soviets, maybe accidentally, when his cover was blown by an American traitor.**

But having said that, you still can not escape the feeling that spying has become so ephemeral and morally confusing that the government, as if to compensate, resorts to hyperbole.

For instance, Larry Wu-Tai Chin is momentously arrested and charged with 30 years of spying for China. But the Reagan administration wants to provide China with nuclear technology. Jonathan J. Pollard allegedly spies for Israel, but Israel is our ally. Morison gets called a spy but the fruits of his so-called espionage can be bought in a magazine.

And there exists in our government a man who says he would give the Soviets the plans for Star Wars. His name is Ronald Reagan.

The result of all this hype and moral ambiguity is both cynicism and confusion. The government and the press seem unable to differentiate between the serious and the trivial and so it all seems trivial. Maybe that explains why various relatives of convicted spy John A. Walker Jr. knew of his activities but did nothing about it. Their apathy in the face of treason is at least, if not more, troubling than the spying of their relative. But it went almost unreported and, worse, unpublished.

**Satellites in space do the spying nowadays and the enemies of the past are the friends of the moment. Spying stubbornly plods on, Victorian in a world of porn, out of step with the times, more nostalgic than real, something like Doctorow's world's fair. Only in fiction, does it still dazzle.**

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# *Athens asked to seek extradition of Brunner*

ATHENS (JTA) —

**The Greek Jewish community has called upon the government of Greece to demand the extradition of Alois Brunner, the former aide to Adolf Eichmann now living in Syria, the World Jewish Congress reported here.**

The Central Board of Jewish Communities of Greece, the representative body of Greek Jewry and the WJC affiliate, has formally urged the Athens government to seek Brunner's extradition to stand trial before a Greek court on charges of complicity in the deportation to Nazi death camps of tens of thousands of Greek Jews from Thessaloniki. More than 50,000 of the deportees perished.

The central board, in calling for Brunner's extradition, noted that he recently gave an interview to a West German magazine in which he confirmed that he has been residing in Syria for many years.

During the interview, Brunner also revealed that he had been part of a 1961 conspiracy to blow up a building in Vienna in which officials of the World Jewish Congress were meeting.

**Joseph Lovinger, president of the central board, stated that he was confident that the Greek government "will make every effort" to ensure that "this human-like beast, called Brunner, will account for his actions before Greek justice."**

*Testing of all blood donations*

# Israel will decide soon on screening for AIDS

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —
A decision will soon be made in Israel on whether to begin screening all blood donations for AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), said the director general of Magen David Adom, Israel's national blood and ambulance service.

Amizur Kfir said about 20 AIDS cases have been identified in Israel, and all except three are hemophiliacs who are suspected of having contracted AIDS from imported blood products.

**The ministry of health appointed a committee to study the AIDS problem and risk from blood transfusions, said Kfir, and its report is expected at the end of the month.**

**If automatic testing of all blood donations is recommended, he said Magen David Adom will comply. It will increase the price of a pint of blood by about $3 which means a total extra annual expenditure of $600,000 (U.S.) for the 200,000 pints of blood distributed on average per year by Magen David Adom.**

Kfir emphasized that it is suspected that the hemophiliacs got AIDS from imported blood products because a recent random check of 1,000 blood donations uncovered no AIDS antibodies. In the United States, a similar survey would probably find two or three cases in 1,000. Kfir said Magen David Adom has a "good understanding" with homosexuals that they will not donate blood.

While fresh blood is collected locally and Magen David Adom is responsible for 85% of that collection, about half of the amount needed of a processed blood product known as Factor 8 is imported, mainly from the U.S., and used by many of Israel's 200 hemophiliacs, said Kfir. Magen David Adom is now pasteurizing its own Factor 8 products.

**Magen David Adom's greatest reservation of screening of all blood donations is not cost, at least not the $600,000 based on normal blood collection, he said. He fears that if the test for AIDS is only available when donating blood, Magen David Adom will be inundated with more blood than the country needs and this will become a great expense.**

Kfir suggests that the test be made available throughout Israel, in clinics or other places readily accessible to the public.

Panic about AIDS has not swept Israel yet, said Kfir, but there is concern.

Kfir, a retired brigadier-general who served in four wars, was in Montreal to assist in a campaign to raise $12 million (U.S.) for Magen David Adom's new blood centre at Ramat Gan, just outside Tel Aviv. Construction is close to completion on the building, and Kfir said it is hoped that the centre will be in operation by Chanukah, 1986.

He said $8 million has been raised thus far for the centre. Canadian Red Magen David for Israel, one of 17 friends societies overseas, has committed itself to raising $500,000. All funds for the centre must be raised abroad, said Kfir. The Israeli government is only giving the land.

**Magen David Adom headquarters is now located in Jaffa, in outdated facilities built in the 1950s when only about 15,000-20,000 pints of blood were collected a year, said Kfir.**

**Now in its 55th year, Magen David Adom's first home in 1930 was a dilapidated hut in what was then the centre of Tel Aviv. At the time, the society's resources consisted of a small truck converted into an ambulance and about 20 first aid volunteers.**

Today it has 5,000 volunteers and 900 employees, and 643 ambulances which transport 270,000 patients annually.

The new Ramat Gan centre will serve as both a blood bank and blood fractionation centre. Magen David Adom supplies 85% of the blood required by all of Israel's hospitals and 100% of the blood needed by the Israel Defence Forces.

Magen David Adom also plays a role internationally. It sent $60,000 worth of medical equipment to Colombia to aid the volcano victims, said Kfir. Despite such activities, Magen David Adom is still not a full member of the International Red Cross because the Star of David symbol has not been given official recognition.

"We look forward to the day when Israel can sit with the delegates at international Red Cross conferences and not just in the back as observers — when we are invited," said Kfir.

**The Red Cross does recognize the Red Crescent which operates in Moslem countries and the Lion and the Sun of Iran, but that symbol has been abandoned since the Islamic revolution.**

Kfir said it is not likely the situation will change until a populous, non-Christian and non-Moslem country — China, for example — says it wants its own symbol. Israel, with only 4 million people, has little power to effect change.

In the meantime, Magen David Adom is abiding by nine of the 10 articles of the Geneva Convention and has good relations otherwise with the Red Cross. For example, Israeli students who are members of Magen David Adom have visited West Germany under an exchange program with the Red Cross, and young German Red Cross members have visited Israel, said Kfir.

United Synagogue of America

# Kreutzer installed as Conservative head

MIAMI —
Franklin Kreutzer, of Miami, was installed as international president of the United Synagogue of America at its recent biennial convention, succeeding Marshall Wolke of Chicago.

**Kreutzer, a lawyer, is a former president of Temple Zion-Israelite Centre in Miami. He completed two terms as president of the Southeast Region of United Synagogue and served as a central vice-president holding several portfolios, including 1985 biennial convention chairman and chairman of the Central Council of Regional Presidents.**

Franklin Kreutzer

As president, Kreutzer is the United Synagogue's representative to the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. He also represents his organization on the General Council (Actions Committee) of the World Zionist Organization, the Executive Committee of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee, the Synagogue Council of America, the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, and the board of directors of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

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# World-National

## Living Halacha

By
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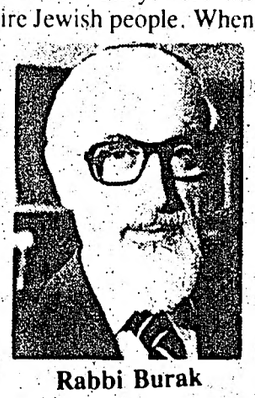
**QUESTION: What is the source of our law that 10 men make a minyan?**
**— MENDEL SCHLANGER, Toronto**

We read in the Torah that Moses sent out 12 men to look over the land of Israel. They were the representatives of the entire Jewish people. When they came back, 10 of them gave an evil report. But two men refused to say bad things about the land.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The Lord was angry with these 10 men and cried out, according to Numbers, Chapter 14:27, "How long shall I bear this evil congregation that keep murmuring against me?" Since the evil ones were only 10 in number, we learn that a congregation is made up to no less than 10 men.

But, is this not a weird source for a law about a minyan? Why derive the law about a quorum for our services from a text that speaks about evil men? The Ozerover Rebbe z.l., in his Be'er Moshe, brings us this question in the name of the holy Berdichever Rebbe z.l.

Reb Levi Yitzhak of Berdichev not only asked a good question, but gave a good answer. His reply is that this teaches us that there is holiness even in evil men. Is this to be taken literally? Over the years, careful people have avoided joining in prayer with irreligious folk.

The Baal Shem Tov is reputed to have not permitted a service to proceed when one of the men was not up to standard. When the aggrieved man objected to this slight, and pointed to the fact that galbanum was an ingredient in the making of frankincense, and that though the smell of galbanum is evil, yet does it count as one of the ingredients of k'tores, and that on this basis an evil man may combine with the righteous in prayer, the Baal Shem Tov replied: "But, it says in the Talmud, 'And there were eleven ingredients in it [in the frankincense].' That's why I am looking for an eleventh man."

Over the years this issue created trouble. You can't prove your case by citing the 10 evil men, the maraglim, as a precedent for allowing bad men to be part of a minyan. After all, even the villains of the Bible stand head and shoulder above the average low life.

**Thus, Rabbi Jacob Emden z.l. in volume 1 of his responsa, number 79, was given this description of a low character: the man stole money, kidnapped another person, fornicated, worshipped out of the faith, and defamed the name of a Jewish family. He was not permitted to join in worship. But, another rabbi mapped out a program for his rehabilitation: the man asked the community to forgive him, grew a beard, and sat in the lowest part of the synagogue. Then he was permitted to participate in worship and was called to the Torah.**

Emden replied: "Never have I found, in the books of the healers of the soul, such a marvelous, easy cure." Emden agreed with the critics of this regimen and ruled that as long as the man failed to make restitution, he could not join a minyan, and was ineligible to be called to the Torah. The man was to remain outside the Jewish community. But the door was not to be slammed in his face.

A great Israeli sage was asked whether those who rebel against the Code may be permitted to join in worship. His answer, given in She'elot u-Teshuvot ha-Sabba Kadisha, volume 1, number 4, page 14, goes thus: "As long as the name Jew is attached to him, he may be counted in the minyan. . . . But, if he violated a bann [a cherem] of the early sages, he is out."

On that basis, a man must choose his minyan and his house of worship very carefully.

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# *Wallenberg made honorary citizen*

By
JEFF ROSEN

**OTTAWA —**

Raoul Wallenberg was declared the first honorary citizen of Canada following passage of a resolution by all parties in Parliament last week on International Human Rights Day.

As reported in The Canadian Jewish News (Dec. 12), the resolution came about after Liberal MP Roland de Corneille and Conservative MP Guy Richard withdrew private members' bills calling for the Swedish diplomat to be named an honorary citizen and introduced a joint resolution in the House of Commons. After receiving unanimous support it was presented in the Senate where it was treated similarly.

In presenting the resolution before the House of Commons, the Liberal backbencher stressed the importance of the resolution and outlined Wallenberg's role in helping to save about 100,000 Hungarian Jews in Budapest during World War II.

**"In (presenting the resolution) we not only enshrine Wallenberg's name into our Canadian history, but his name will enshrine ours," said de Corneille, MP for Eglinton-Lawrence. "To paraphrase Abraham Lincoln, the world will little note nor long remember what we say here but it will always remember what Wallenberg did to salvage the dignity of the human race."**

De Corneille said that while fame came to some through the use of force and violence, Wallenberg attained fame because of his "courageous efforts to save lives.

"This legendary figure walks mightily across the pages of history because he used his mind and voice and paper and ink to successfully defy the darkest forces of evil in our time. By dint of superhuman effort and energy he saved tens upon thousands of lives of men, women, and children consigned to the most gruesome torture and suffering devised in all of history."

**De Corneille said Wallenberg's tale began July 9, 1944 when he arrived in Budapest as first secretary at the Swedish legation as a result of requests from the American War Refugee Board and the World Jewish Congress.**

**As well as providing about 20,000 Jews in Budapest with special protective passports declaring them honorary Swedish citizens, Wallenberg sheltered some 13,000 Jews in 32 "safe" houses which flew the flag of the Swedish government. He also established special shelters housing 8,000 children.**

De Corneille said that despite Wallenberg's efforts at saving thousands, his whereabouts are unknown today. The Swedish dipolomat was arrested Jan. 17, 1945 by the Soviet military and imprisoned in the Soviet Union.

Despite an announcement by the Soviet government that Wallenberg died in prison in 1947, de Corneille said that as recently as 1975 a Russian Jew reported to have met "a Swede in the Butyrka prison who had been imprisoned for 30 years but still seemed healthy.

"Whatever his fate, his story serves as an inspiration as to what one human being can do," said de Corneille. "How tragic it is that this man who risked his life to make men free, himself is in captivity."

**Alan Shefman, director of the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith told The CJN that the government's action will enable it to raise the issue of Wallenberg's whereabouts with the Soviet government and enable it to determine what happened to him.**

# UN condemns all terrorism

**NEW YORK (JTA) —**

The United Nations has voted unanimously to unequivocally condemn "as criminal all acts, methods and practices of terrorism wherever and by whomever committed, including those which jeopardize friendly relations among states and their security." *(See editorial)*

**The historic vote, the first time the world body has approved a universal declaration on terrorism, received the support of Israel after it had abstained, along with Burkina Faso, formerly Upper Volta, when the assembly's legal committee voted on the draft resolution.**

"The adoption of this resolution, even with its shortcomings, gives the responsible members of this body additional backing to wage a renewed campaign against international terrorism," said Israel's ambassador to the UN, Binyamin Netanyahu, in a speech prior to the General Assembly vote.

Netanyahu applauded the condemnation of terrorism "wherever and by whomever" it is committed saying, "This is something we have fought for, called for, and insisted upon throughout the debate on this issue. . . . It is the essence of Israel's policy against terrorism."

In addition, the Israeli ambassador welcomed the resolution's call on states to prosecute or extradite terrorists, and to implement the international conventions against terrorism. The resolution seeks that all states prosecute and extradite terrorists.

"These are important advances," Netanyahu said. But their real meaning will only be assessed by how far the international community will pressure offending states to comply."

He charged that some states supporting the resolution in the General Assembly, such as Libya, Syria, Iraq, Iran and South Yemen, "defend" and "encourage" terrorists.

# *Weiner moves to a new post*

**MONTREAL —**

Dollard member of Parliament Gerry Weiner has become parliamentary secretary to Employment and Immigration Minister Flora MacDonald. Weiner, the former mayor of Dollard des Ormeaux, had been parliamentary secretary to External Affairs Minister Joe Clark since the election of the Progressive Conservative government last year.

His new responsibilities will be of more direct concern to his constituents. Dollard, a west end Montreal riding, has a large ethnic population and an official from Weiner's office in Ottawa said the bulk of the cases handled over the past year have been related to immigration.

Weiner's last duty at external affairs is a pleasant one. He is currently in China on a 2½-week tour to discuss cultural exchanges.

North Vancouver MP Chuck Cook replaces Weiner as external affairs parliamentary secretary. Weiner takes over from Beauharnois-Salaberry MP Jean-Guy Hudon in employment and immigration.

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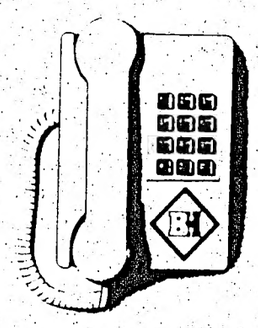

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# World-National

## Cotler slams Ottawa's policy over last 40 years

# *Failure to act on Nazis "obstruction of justice"*

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — McGill law professor Irwin Cotler said recently that Canada's failure to act against Nazi war criminals entering the country over the past 40 years constitutes a "reasonable apprehension of obstruction of justice."

Cotler, who is counsel to the Canadian Jewish Congress at the Deschenes Commission, said this failure to act was the result of a secret agreement reached in 1948 between Canada, Britain and six other Commonwealth nations to terminate the prosecution of suspected Nazi war criminals on the grounds that it was "now necessary to bury the past."

**"I realize that these are tough words," Cotler said, but this (obstruction of justice) was certainly the result, if not the intention, of the government's unwillingness to act over 40 years to bring Nazi war criminals to justice, or to act in a way that prevented their being brought to justice."**

Cotler made the comments to an audience of 700 at a community forum on Nazi War Criminals and Human Rights — Issues and Challenges at the Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem Synagogue.

Joining Cotler on the panel were Ottawa Citizen editor Keith Spicer and Eli Rosenbaum, an investigator with the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations, responsible for tracking down suspected war criminals in the United States. Moderating the event was Quebec Liberal MNA Herbert Marx.

Irwin Cotler

Cotler described this revelation and others as "shocking."

**He said that Canada provided sanctuary for a number of Nazi war criminals after the war. One was Jacques de Bonenville, the former right-hand man to Klaus Barbie and collaborator in the Vichy government of Nazi-occupied France.**

This "Klaus Barbie connection," Cotler said, demonstrated that Canada not only knowingly provided sanctuary for a number of collaborators, "but that the government went so far as to pass orders-in-council quashing judicial deportation orders against these collaborators and thereby permitting them to reside in Canada.

"The fact that it followed a policy of excluding Jewish refugees fleeing the Holocaust makes it doubly reprehensible," Cotler said.

**Government documents recently filed with the Deschenes Commission also reveal that, in 1962, Prime Minister John Diefenbaker was advised against bringing Nazi war criminals to justice on the grounds that this would be pandering to "Jewish revenge."**

Cotler described this as a classic Orwellian example of "blaming the victim.

"The bringing of Nazi war criminals to justice — then and now — was not a 'Jewish revenge' issue but a Canadian human rights issue . . . what was sought then — and now — was not revenge, but justice."

Immigration files destroyed in 1982, described by RCMP commissioner Robert Simmonds as "crucial evidence" to the investigation of suspected war criminals, also point to "potential culpability" in government circles, Cotler said.

A 1984 letter from the deputy solicitor general to the then Solicitor-General Robert Kaplan, just recently declassified, calls the destruction "a monumental error."

**Cotler acknowledged that recent testimony before the commission may have served to dispel the notion of "intentional destruction" or "cover-up," but he called upon the commission to call Simmonds and the former deputy solicitor-general Fred Gibson to testify on this matter "so that the conflicting evidence could be resolved."**

Recent disclosure that Canadian Wiesenthal Centre representative Sol Littman was erroneous in his suspicion that Josef Mengele tried to enter Canada in 1962, a suspicion which ultimately resulted in the establishment of the Deschenes Commission, does not negate either the legitmacy or the importance of the inquiry, said Cotler. He described it as a "misleading syllogism" to conclude that the commission was set up under false pretences.

"Mengele was not the cause, but the object of the inquiry. To suggest that the Prime Minister was 'duped' into setting up the commission is turning the issue on its head.

**"Mengele is a metaphor for evil, a symbol of the commission's mandate that other war criminals might have entered the country. "The only embarrassment about the Deschenes Commission is that it came 40 years too late."**

Cotler also emphasized the importance of using evidence from the USSR and Eastern European sources in the commission's work.

"The very term 'Soviet evidence' is a misnomer," he said. "It is Nazi evidence. Such evidence was used at Nuremberg and in all instances, there was no forged or perjured testimony."

Spicer said that if there is a bias in the press, it is a bias in favor of the oppressed and one that "sometimes falls victim to the adversarial system of the courts."

He said that it was vital to keep the issue of war criminals alive to honor the victims, both living and dead. Such investigations should have no time limit, he said.

**"We have to make sure that no (war) criminals think that these crimes are forgotten. They should always know that they might get caught."**

Rosenbaum, who in his capacity with the OSI litigated several cases of denaturalization and deportation proceedings against suspected war criminals, said that for the first time, the U.S. department of justice and state department are working with Israel towards the extradition of war criminals to Israel for trial.

Rosenbaum described several cases of apprehending war criminals in the U.S., and emphasized the importance of diligence in an often "cumbersome, frustrating process.

**"Just being able to strip someone of his citizenship and denaturalize him constitues a major victory," he said.**

**The most difficult aspect of tracking down suspected war criminals is the tolerance and delay tactics that are part of the U.S. judicial system, Rosenbaum said.**

"It takes a special prosecutor to prosecute special cases, with trained investigators who have to go and really dig."

A major accomplishment is that war criminals in hiding now know about the OSI and live in constant fear of it, he said.

"When we come to see them they are ready. They know things have changed, and are aware that sooner or later, they will have to pay."

Also participating were CJC national executive director Jack Silverstone; David Matas, legal counsel at the Deschenes Commission for B'nai B'rith's League for Human Rights; Barbara Berger, of Allied Jewish Community Services; and forum chairman Mony Frojmovic.

Sponsors included CJC, Montreal Second Generation and Holocaust Remembrance Committee, Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem Synagogue, Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre, B'nai B'rith Hillel, and the Saidye Bronfman Centre.

The forum concluded with a resolution to Prime Minister Mulroney calling for a 6-month extension of the Deschenes Commission proceedings to allow for the gathering of documentation from abroad.

# Rabbis jailed for embassy demonstration

**WASHINGTON (JTA)** — Five rabbis arrested at a Soviet Jewry demonstration last May in front of the Soviet embassy, began a 15-day prison sentence Friday, urging members of the media to focus not on them but on the condition of Jews in the Soviet Union, which the planned arrest and imprisonment were meant to dramatize.

"This act will be worthwhile only if it will generate awareness and action on behalf of the Prisoners of Conscience languishing in Soviet prisons," the rabbis said in a statement read by Gary Fink, another rabbi arrested last May. Like most of the 23 rabbis who were convicted last week of violating a statue against demonstrating within 500 feet of the Soviet embassy, Fink accepted the original suspended 15-day sentence, together with six months unsupervised probation and a $50 fine.

In all, a total of 132 rabbis, ministers, Hebrew teachers, cantors and college students have been arrested in seven such demonstrations sponsored by the Washington Board of Rabbis.

Community organizations and the rabbis have protested that Soviet Jewry demonstrators are being subjected to selective prosecution at the behest of the Soviets, pointing out that none of those arrested in demonstrations against apartheid at the South Africa embassy have actually been tried.

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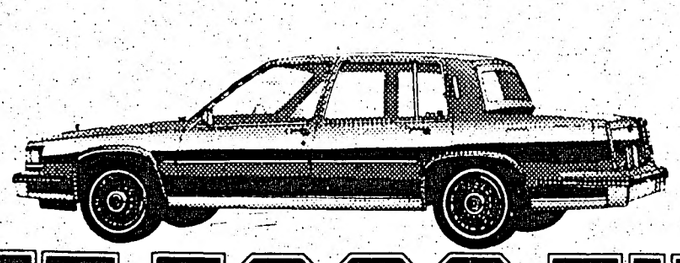

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# DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

**The main Magen David Adom station in Tel Aviv was dedicated 50 years ago, on Dec. 22, 1935. The yishuv's first aid organization, planned in the wake of the Hebron massacre, went into operation as burgeoning Arab hostilities, a world war, and the struggle for independence loomed ahead.**

In 1929, the 700 Jews of Hebron, one of Judaism's four holy cities from the time Abraham buried his wife Sarah there about 1650 BCE, were subjected to a vicious pogrom organized by Palestine's Supreme Moslem Council and the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem. Arab rioters murdered 67 Jews. Many more were wounded. The Haganah, the yishuv's evolving defence organization, while reluctant for political and ideological reasons to retaliate, saw the necessity for a Jewish-operated emergency medical aid service. The groundwork for MDA was quickly laid.

The killing of two Jews by armed Arabs on the Shechem road, one night less than four months after the Tel Aviv MDA station opened launched a 2-year reign of terror and bloodshed against Jews across Palestine. From April to October, 1936, 91 Jews were killed and 369 wounded in bombings, shootings and arson by armed bands led by officers from neighboring Arab states. By 1938, the Jewish dead totaled 517 men, women and children, with many times that number wounded.

**The hardpressed MDA organized medical treatment for casualties, and established shelters for children and the elderly evacuated from threatened settlements. MDA volunteers manned their posts unrelieved for periods of 24 hours or more. Temporary stations sprung up in hardest hit areas. Isolated settlements were furnished with medical supplies and stretchers from MDA headquarters in Tel Aviv. A blood donors' association was established.**

MDA vehicles and drivers were dispatched to isolated northern corners of Palestine, to stand by as the barbed wire-linked watchtower settlements of the Wingate Defence Line against Arab infiltrators were quickly established. The MDA formed the medical corps of the Haganah.

The outbreak of World War II saw German and Italian bombers attack Tel Aviv. Aerial raids killed 104 people. Two children at play died in a blast adjacent to the main MDA station. Again, temporary first aid posts rushed into action. Hundreds of wounded were treated; the blood donors' network saved many lives. First aid courses were organized by the MDA across Palestine — training housewives, workers and students in the rescue and care of the wounded. Thousands of members of new civil defence units underwent MDA emergency instruction.

The November, 1947, UN decision permitting the partition of Palestine into Jewish and Arab states sparked a renewal of Arab rioting, reinforced by widespread infiltration by irregulars. Jewish casualties mounted once again, from the date of the UN announcement, Nov. 30, when seven passengers on buses from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem were killed by Arab gunfire. Each day brought fresh violence across Palestine. Once again, MDA emergency stations and blood banks sprang up, and medical suplies sent to outlying settlements.

The withdrawal of British troops from the newborn State of Israel signalled an immediate invasion by the armies of Egypt, Iraq and Jordan, together with Syrian troops. They besieged Jerusalem from the north, east, and — with the earlier destruction of the Etzion settlements south of Bethlehem — from the south. Irregulars and local Arab villagers fought to complete the encirclement to the west.

The MDA became the medical corps of the fledgling Israel Defence Forces, serving combatants and victims alike. Trained nurses and medical orderlies, already heavily burdened with experience, organized and participated in convoys bringing food and medicine to Jerusalem from Tel Aviv and Haifa. MDA radio broadcasts elicited contributions from an already hard-pressed populace around the country.

With the truce of July 8, 1948, signaling the survival of the state, its government requested that MDA's emblem, the red Magen David, be internationally recognized as an official medical aid symbol along with the Red Cross, the Sunni Red Crescent and Iran's Red Lion and Sun. This was rejected by the international body of diplomats in charge of drafting the Geneva Conventions of 1949, by one vote. Nevertheless, MDA continued to provide the services of a national Red Cross-type society, as was made official by the Knesset on July 12, 1950.

*No alternative, Crosbie says*

# Deschenes gets 6-month extension

By PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —

The Deschenes Commission will receive the 6-month extension it has requested; it was announced in Ottawa last week.

**In an interview with The CJN in Toronto shortly before the announcement, Justice Minister John Crosbie had indicated he saw no alternative to granting the extension.**

The commission, established last February by the federal government to investigate the issue of possible Nazi war criminals in Canada, was scheduled to report Dec. 31, 1985.

Last month the commissioner, Justice Jules Deschenes announced that the commission would travel to the Soviet Union to hear testimony from witnesses in the USSR, and requested an extension of the deadline.

**Crosbie also told The CJN that a letter sent to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney on Dec. 20, 1984 by the Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, Sol Littman, alleging that Mengele had applied for a visa to enter Canada was "only one of a series of incidents" that led to the establishment of the commission.**

## *Lays fears to rest*

**Crosbie appeared to lay these fears to rest.**

**Referring to the recent stormy sessions at which Littman appeared, Crosbie said "that's just one incident in the work of the commission.**

**"It has nothing to do with the value of the work of the commission. It's not relevant to the work that the commission has been doing.**

**"In fact, it's a very minor matter in my opinion."**

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The tough cross-examination to which Littman was subjected by Whitehall evoked criticism from representatives of both the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada and the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Both organizations have official standing before the commission, and have had counsel present during the hearings.

In a letter sent to Crosbie last week, the League expressed concern about Whitehall's role.

David Matas, counsel for the League, said that "Mr. Whitehall called Mr. Littman a vigilante and accused him of making unfounded allegations."

(Whitehall withdrew the remark on Deschenes' orders.)

**"The attempt to show him (Littman) to be a liar had nothing to do with furthering the work of the commission," Matas' letter said.**

**At a public forum in Montreal just after the close of the hearings, Irwin Cotler, one of the team representing Congress before the commission, said that "to suggest that the Prime Minister was 'duped' into setting up the commission is turning the issue on its head."**

The fact that Littman was mistaken in his suspicion that Mengele tried to enter Canada negates neither the legitimacy nor the importance of the inquiry, Cotler said.

"The only embarrassment about the Deschenes Commission is that it came 40 years too late."

## *Found old file*

In a release sent to The CJN, Littman points out the letter he sent to the Prime Minister asked simply for an investigation, based on admittedly incomplete information obtained by the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles through the U.S. Freedom of Information Center in Washington.

(The documents contained only the American side of correspondence regarding a man called Menke, one of the aliases used by Mengele.

(The Canadian documents could not be released by the U.S. government without Canada's permission, which was granted three months later.)

Littman says that he called a press conference to make his suspicions public when he received no response to his letter to the Prime Minister. "His secretary told me that my letter had gotten lost in the Christmas mail."

Mulroney replied to Littman on Jan. 23, 1985, Littman says.

A month later, according to Littman's release, "Cpl. (Fred) Yetter (the RCMP officer in charge or war crimes investigations) found an old justice department file which showed we were all wrong . . .

**"As soon as we had this information, we wrote to the Prime Minister to say that our initial hypothesis was apparently wrong.**

**"But having put the matter to rest, we can't help wondering why it suddenly became an issue 10 months after we had publicly declared the matter closed.**

**"Why was our honesty made into a fault? Why was Whitehall, acting for the government, so anxious to discredit the Simon Wiesenthal Center?" Littman asks.**

## *Grilling raised fears*

"I recommended to the Prime Minister that we appoint the commission so we could settle the question" of whether there are, or were, Nazi war criminals in Canada and how they could be brought to justice.

"It didn't have anything to do with Mr. Littman's letter."

Littman went public with the allegations in January, 1985, just before the commission, which is independent of the government, was set up by Order-in-Council.

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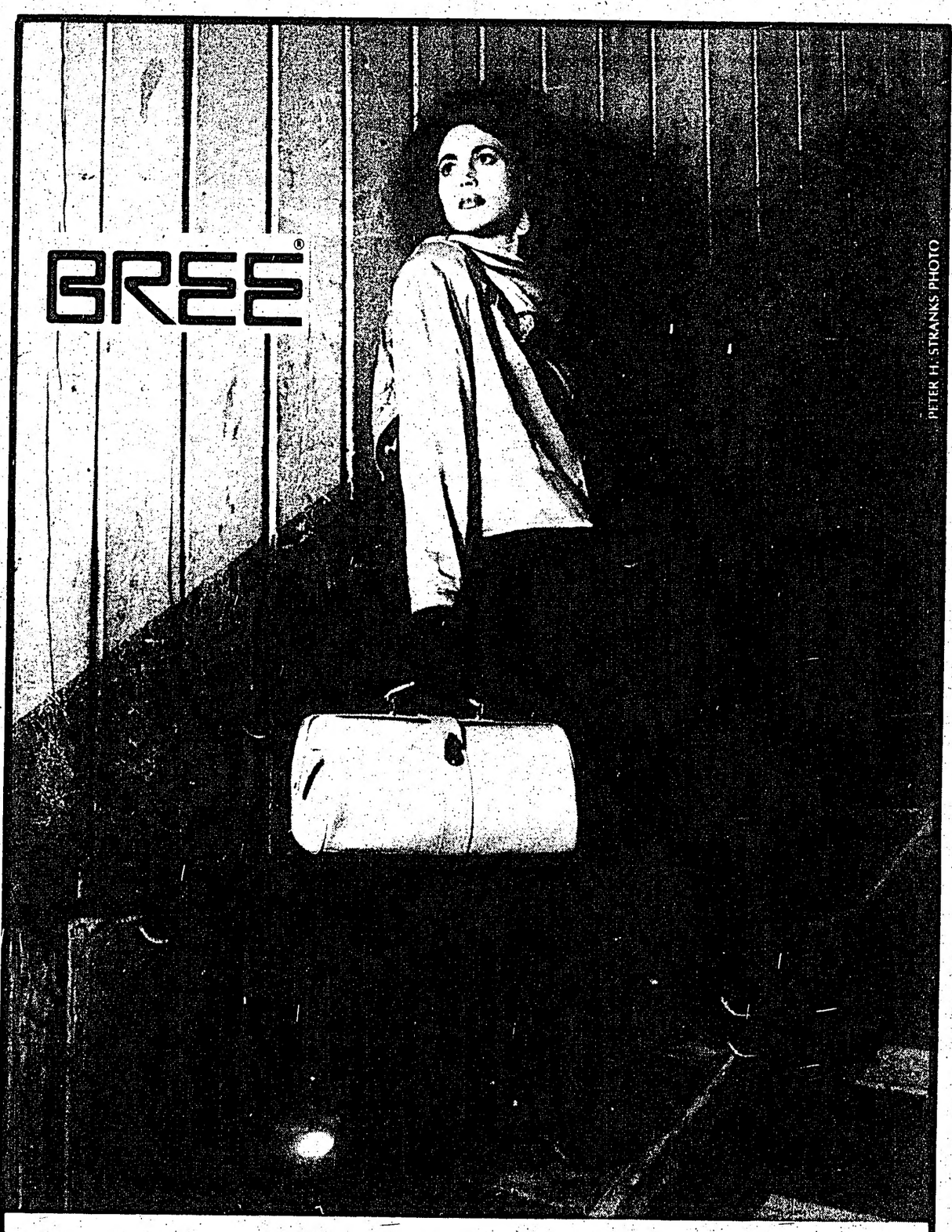


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# Editorial

## Hate's dangers

The recent study of the Keegstra affair by David Bercuson and Douglas Wertheimer (CJN Nov. 28) is in many ways a fine analysis of the syndrome which animates Keegstra and his ilk.

The authors have documented with journalistic integrity every step in the case from the first stirrings of parental discontent in Eckville, Alta., to the much publicized trial in Red Deer three years later.

The Bercuson-Wertheimer volume is also unique in that it explores thoroughly the sources of Keegstra's anti-semitic harangues — tracing them back to medieval and pre-modern times. Equally refreshing in their memoir is the survey of the roles played by the Alberta Teachers Federation, the same province's press and — the conundrum faced by the Jews of Calgary and Edmonton.

We have no quarrel with the dispassionate way in which the co-authors handle their material. They quote chapter and verse in their discussions of Keegstra and his lawyer Christie; they leave editorializing aside and leave it to the reader to draw his own conclusions.

Except in the final paragraphs of the book.

**There they express a view which is somewhat disconcerting regarding the ultimate utility of the prosecution of James Keegstra. The authors believe that a court of law is not the best place to deal with the kind of irrationality Keegstra exemplified.**

**We do not share this view. Keegstra was not simply an amiable eccentric; nor was he a maverick in the educational establishment. He was a dedicated purveyor of hatred against Jews. It was the Keegstra pathology which actuated the murder squads and SS thugs.**

The prosecution of James Keegstra was not only in conformity with the Criminal Code of Canada but a form of resistance which Canadian Jews and Gentiles deploy in the fight against bigotry, hatred and violence.

The Keegstras of the world should take note that the hunting season on Jews is over.

## End sanctuary

The United Nations resolution condemning all acts of terrorism as criminal, passed unanimously last week, will be welcomed by men of goodwill. International terrorism, from the Achille Lauro incident to the Malta hijacking which ended in utter carnage, has become the bane of our civilization.

It is instructive that so politically and ideologically fragmented and diverse a body as the United Nations chose to describe terrorism as a crime which "jeopardizes the very territorial integrity and security of states." It is indeed remarkable — perhaps even miraculous — that warring nations like Israel and Syria and Iran and Iraq could agree on the wording of a resolution. That Jews and Arabs were able to transcend their mighty differences speaks volumes.

But, of course, the resolution is non-binding and therefore merely of symbolic significance. Terrorism, per se, has not been eradicated. It will take much more than high-sounding words to seal the fate of terrorism.

**To be brutally realistic, terrorism cannot be wiped out as long as men harbor bitter grievances and nations are antagonistic to one another. But this is no cause for resignation. Despite the objective obstacles which lie in the path of combatting terrorism, there are practical steps which concerned countries can adopt in unison. Airport security can be drastically tightened, even if travelers are inconvenienced. Governments can announce that hijackers will find no sanctuary on their territory, and those that refuse to cooperate should be ostracized and contained. Convicted terrorists, particularly the contemptible breed who kill innocent bystanders, should not be shown the mercy of the law.**

Terrorism will not fade away, no matter how often the UN sees fit to condemn it. But it can be controlled. To paraphrase Theodor Herzl: where there is a will, there is a way.

### Dispute with Israeli rabbinate

# *Ethiopian Jews feel betrayed*

THE JEWISH WORLD

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Ethiopian Jews and the Israeli rabbinate are locked in a dispute which has been building since the arrival of some 8,000 Falashas late in 1984.

**The conflict, which pits many of Israel's 15,000 Ethiopians against the Orthodox rabbinate, revolves around the reluctance of the Sephardic and Ashkenazic rabbis to recognize the Falashas as full Jews, particularly when it comes to marriage.**

Ten years ago, the rabbinate officially recognized the Falashas as Jews by decreeing that they were long-lost descendants of the biblical tribe of Dan and therefore eligible for immigration to Israel under the Law of Return. Today, however, the rabbis say that because the Ethiopians were cut off from mainstream Judaism for centuries they should "renew" their Judaism.

Most Ethiopian Jews resent the rabbis' demand as an intolerable affront, and consider it bitterly ironical that their Judaism should be questioned after all the suffering and depravation they have endured to preserve it.

Within weeks of Operation Moses, the airlift which spirited thousands of Ethiopians out of temporary camps in Sudan, the rabbinate insisted that they go through symbolic rites of quasi conversion to allay any doubts as to their Jewishness. The rabbis ruled that men be subject to a ritual blood-drawing in lieu of circumcision, and that women should be "purified" in a mikva.

From the rabbinate's point of view, these demands represented a compromise, since a considerable number of Orthodox rabbis in Israel believe that the Ethiopians are not true Jews. Feelings on this issue run deep: In one instance, when a group of Ethiopian new immigrants tried to pray at the Western Wall, in Jerusalem, they were driven off by Jewish zealots.

**Ethiopian Jews...religious problems.**

The Ethiopians, especially the newer arrivals, could not abide this treatment. Last July, hundreds of them set off on a march from Afula to Ben-Gurion Airport to demonstrate their disappointment and indignation. One newspaper dispatch quoted a 23-year-old Ethiopian as saying: "They brought us here because we were Jews. Now that we are here, they tell us that we are not Jews. So why did they bring us here?"

**Despite such pleas, the rabbis did not relent. But in response to a subsequent strike by Ethiopians in front of the Chief Rabbinate's headquarters, Prime Minister Shimon Peres stepped in. Peres intervened because he was convinced that the Israeli public generally sympathized with the Ethiopians.**

In an agreement Peres helped work out, the rabbinate backed down somewhat. The two grand rabbis agreed that if the kessim (Ethiopian religious leaders) were convinced that an Ethiopian couple was unquestionably Jewish, they would waive their previous demands.

But after the announcement of the accord, the rabbinate issued a seemingly contradictory statement that "nothing had changed" in the matter of the Ethiopian immigrants.

**Rabbinical guidelines published last month declare that Ethiopians wishing to marry must undergo symbolic conversion by ritual immersion and then provide an oral declaration of acceptance of the Torah. The rabbinate claims that its guidelines do not violate its agreement with Peres, but Ethiopians think they have been betrayed.**

Disillusioned with the rabbinate, Ethiopian couples are getting married in unrecognized ceremonies performed by kessim, hoping to register their marriages through the courts.

Their militancy is a function of their level of education. The Ethiopians who've come to Israel of late are better educated than those who came earlier. And they are certainly more militant than the Ethiopians who preceded them. The earlier wave readily acquiesced to whatever demands the rabbinate made to prove their Jewishness.

The trials and tribulations of the Ethiopians are not unique to Israel.

In the 1950s, 7,000 Karaites immigrated under the Law of Return. And they, too, collided with the rabbinate. In the end, the Karaites were granted recognition as a separate community, with their own religious court and their own marriage registrar. The Karaites are not permitted to marry Jews subject to rabbinic courts. But this has not proved to be a problem for them because they object to intermarriages.

At around the same time, Bene Israel Jews from India arrived in the Jewish state. The rabbinate accepted them as Jews, but its ruling was challenged. The rabbinate decided that while marriage with Bene Israel was permissible, rabbinical marriage registrars would be required to investigate the maternal ancestry of every applicant wishing to marry outside the community.

**This directive caused a storm of protest in Israel, and Levi Eshkol, the Prime Minister, was forced to intervene in the controversy. To defuse the crisis, Eskhol issued a statement which read: "The government of Israel... regards the... Bene Israel... as Jews in every respect, without any restriction or distinction, equal in their rights to all other Jews in every matter, inlcluding... matrimony."**

In the early 1970s, large numbers of Russian Jews immigrated to Israel. Shlomo Goren, the then Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi, established a special conversion court in the transit station in Vienna because the Jewish ancestry of some of the Russians was in doubt. Observers believe this procedure defused what could have been an enormous problem.

**The rabbinate has always exerted a powerful influence in Israeli society, but in recent years it has grown still stronger and more fundamentalist, partly because the main two contending political parties — Labor and Likud — are more than ever dependent on religious coalition partners.**

### THE RUSSIANS

Upwards of 65,000 Russian Jews have immigrated to the U.S. in recent years, bringing with them a wealth of experiences. What was it like living in the Soviet Union? To what extent were they the victims of anti-semitism? How did they relate to American Jews?

The answers to these questions are contained in *A Special Legacy (General Publishing, $27.95)*, Sylvia Rothchild's perceptive new book. Rothchild, a writer and novelist, culled her information from taped interviews with Soviet Jews she found in the William E. Wiener Oral History Library of the American Jewish Committee.

One of the strongest impressions she leaves a reader with is the fear under which countless Russians — Jews and non-Jews alike — lived during the Stalin era. The Jews who passed through these terrible years, she writes, were permanently scarred. One Jewish woman says, "Even if they lose 90% of those old worries, somewhere deep in their souls there is still constant fear."

If Stalinist oppression was a problem, the German occupation was still worse. The Nazis slaughtered Jews wherever they went, and Jews who spoke Yiddish were always in danger of being singled out by Russians as German spies. Within months of the outbreak of World War II, Stalin, in a paranoic fit, rooted out all Jewish political commissars in the armed forces.

**Stalin's postwar anti-semitic campaign shook the Jewish community even more. Misha H., a violinist and conductor, says he gradually learned that "it was best to be Russian" insofar as nationality is concerned.**

Eugenia, a third-generation Moscovite, discovered that anti-semitism was so deeply ingrained that her neighbors casually referred to her family as "the Jews." And Boris, in 1967, found out that medicine and the law were two university faculties difficult for Jews to enter. "Only the engineering fields were open to us. If you were a Jew you had to be an engineer. There wasn't anything else."

**Given the general atmosphere — the suppression and the anti-semitism — Jews "disengaged" themselves from Soviet life. "It was a process that could be checked before the drastic decision to leave was made, but it could not be reversed," observes Rothchild.**

Those Jews who opted to go to the U.S. rather than Israel did so partly because their Jewish roots were shallow. "I thought we would be deceiving Israel if we went there," Zina says. "They were inviting and expecting Jews, and we were really Russian intellectuals whose Jewish identity had been determined only by persecution and repression."

Despite their relief at leaving the Soviet Union, most of the emigres passed through a period of mourning for the places and people they would not see again. And, Rothchild adds, they grew bitter because of their (false) perception that American Jews did not care enough about them.

**Soviet Jews, in adjusting to America, made numerous discoveries about the society they had chosen as their new homeland. But their "most unexpected and far-reaching" one was that they could accelerate their Americanization by discovering their Jewish heritage and finding a place for themselves in the Jewish communities that welcomed and supported them, Rothchild discloses.**

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# Opinion

## *Against blandishments of intermarriage and cults*

# Rabbi: Jungreis seeks to strengthen young Jews

**RABBI MARVIN B. PACHINO, headmaster of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, comments here on an editorial carried in our Nov. 28 issue. The rabbi's comments run well over the 250-word limit on letters to the editor but we have suspended the limitation for this time so that the rabbi can present his views more fully.**

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Although I am a person with strongly held opinions and deep convictions with regard to many issues and institutions in Jewish life, I have assiduously avoided public expression of my views for the nearly seven years that I have been in Toronto. However, in the face of what I consider to be one of the most pernicious editorials I have ever read in the Anglo-Jewish press, I feel that I have no right to remain silent. I refer to the editorial in The Canadian Jewish News, Nov. 28, entitled "Grave Disservice."

At the outset, let it be stated that I hold no brief for Esther Jungreis. I do not know the woman, although I once heard her speak to high school students some 10 years ago.

I cannot identify with her evangelical style, but I have to confess that I applaud her efforts, and those of anyone else in the Jewish community who strives to instil pride of Jewishness in young Jews, and fortify them against the blandishments of intermarriage and cults. As one who has been involved in educating Jewish youth for more than a quarter of a century, I know that there is not a single approach that is universally effective. Each human being is touched in different ways, so that a variety of approaches must be employed in the sacred task of developing meaningful and lasting Jewish loyalties among our youth.

The editorial in question took offence at the fact that Mrs. Jungreis, in response to a question with regard to the establishment of a Mormon mission in Jerusalem, referred to the Mormons as "insidious." The editorial asks, ". . . What then separates Jungreis from Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, who says Judaism is a gutter religion?" It is a sorry situation, indeed, and an indication of both ignorance and insensitivity when we cannot distinguish between a demagogic anti-semite, such as Farrakhan, and a Jewish woman who is filled with pain over the loss of Jewish youngsters to the, yes, insidious missionaries who prey upon the naivete and the vulnerability of these youngsters.

Whether the Mormons can be characterized, as the editorial did, to be "peace loving moral people" when they are avowed white supremacists, is possibly irrelevant. What is relevant is the fact that Mormons are committed to a vigorous and far reaching missionary program throughout the world. For many years, they have had a presence in Israel. Recently, however, they seem to have influenced Teddy Kollek and acquired a choice parcel of land on Mt. Scopus for the purpose of building an enlarged Mormon centre. While we are proud of the fact that the State of Israel has effectively protected religious institutions of every faith, and provides free access to all of them, Israel has no obligation, moral or otherwise, to aid a group such as the Mormons to expand its operations. I would guess that it is to this point that Mrs. Jungreis had reference.

**The dictionary defines "insidious" as: designed to entrap; full of wiles; doing or contriving harm.**

**One can only look upon the Mormon effort to extend its base in the Holy Land with suspicion. Their assurances that the new centre will not be used for missionary purposes are nothing short of insidious, for one can no more expect them to abrogate this principle of their faith than one could expect them to deny the principle of their belief in Jesus and his second coming! The despicable manner in which Christian missionaries in Israel have exploited the poverty and ignorance of certain segments of the Jewish population is no secret. Is one who protests against this manifestation, and identifies it for what it really is, to be compared with Farrakhan?**

The editorial goes on to ask, "Isn't it painfully obvious by now that the belief that one religion is superior to another has gotten more people butchered throughout history than any other? Shouldn't Jews, of all people, be most sensitive to that?" Surely, we know that it is precisely the belief in the superiority of one religion over another that has spawned the entire missionary enterprise. In fact, this is what Mormonism is all about. On the other hand, as Jews we certainly do believe that **our** faith and its teachings are suprior to all others. It is this belief that has preserved us as a people and that inspires us to this very day. Yet, we have not developed a missionary program aimed at proselytizing, nor have we been the butchers of history. We would do well to train our sights on the real cuprits, rather than exhort Jews to exercise tolerance towards those who would prefer to see Jews and Judaism cease to exist so that their own theologies might be vindicated.

The coup de grace, however, is delivered in the final pragraph of the editorial where Mrs. Jungreis is taken to task for her "harangues over intermarriage," and the editorial concludes with the following quote from Max Dimont: "I'd rather see a Jew disappear in a bedroom than in a gas chamber."

What utter tripe! The responsible response of an editorial in a Jewish community newspaper should be that we would rather not see a Jew disappear. Period. When a Jew is lost, I am seized by pain, and the manner of the loss makes no difference. Here we are, in the Jewish schools of the Diaspora, attempting to instil a sense of Jewish identity and commitment that may serve as a deterrent to intermarriage, as well as the knowledge, the sensitivity, and the strength that will prevent another gas chamber, and an editorial in The Canadian Jewish News tells our students, in effect, that intermarriage is not so bad.

Many in the non-Jewish world have told us that we are obsessed with the Holocaust and that we should not continue to invoke its memory. We know that those who offer this gratuitous advice are, obviously, self-conscious and are hoping that we will relieve their aching conscience. One wonders whether the same mentality is beginning to take hold in the Jewish community, vis a vis the scourge of intermarriage, when an editorial in The Canadian Jewish News expresses what appears to be self consciousness at hearing the theme of intermarriage addressed yet again, and attempts to play it down.

I submit that this editorial has perpetrated a grave disservice against the Jewish community as a whole. It was ill-conceived, and it was lacking in basic knowledge as well as Jewish sensitivity. One has a right to expect more of The Canadian Jewish News.

## Support from political foes

# *Should Israel's Arabs be drafted?*

By
VIC ALHADEFF

**JERUSALEM —**

It is an issue that is fraught with conflicting emotions and is possibly one of the most controversial that Israel has ever had to confront, hedged with hugely complex and unforseeable ramifications — should Israel's Arab citizens be obliged to do military service? It is a question that has been raised frequently in government circles since the establishment of the state 37 years ago and to date always firmly rejected.

Lately, however, it has been voiced with increasing regularity and from diametrically opposed corners of the political spectrum, with vocal support for national service for Arabs emanating from such unlikely partners as fiery rightwinger Geula Cohen of Tehiya and Labor MK Edna Solodar, while vehement opposition has been expressed by Mapam's Shmuel Toledano, a former advisor to the Prime Minister on Arab Affairs, and Mohammed Miari, an Arab Knesset member of the Progressive List for Peace, which openly courted Yasser Arafat in the run-up to last year's general elections.

With the country's 700,000 Arab citizens becoming markedly more nationalistic on the one hand — for the first time ever more than 50% supported pro-PLO parties in the elections — and extremist voices such as those of Kach's Meir Kahane calling for the expulsion of the country's Arabs on the other, it is an issue that has become steadily more topical and difficult to resolve.

What are the arguments? The obvious objection to conscripting Arabs into the Israeli Defence Forces is that, were they to be thrust into a confrontation situation against an Arab army, there could arise an immediate conflict of interest. A solution could be to keep Arab conscripts out of frontline units — a situation which pertains today to certain reserve units — but one can already hear charges of discrimination from the Arab community.

**But before we reach that stage, what would be the reaction of the country's Arab citizens to an order to report for duty to an IDF base? There is no escaping the fact that most identify themselves as Palestinians and proved where their loyalties lay in the 1984 elections; so we can expect nothing less than uproar were they suddenly to be informed that they were to be called on to do national service, even if it was in non-combat units.**

The essential case posited by proponents of the concept cites the argument of rights and obligations as its basic premise. Israel's Arabs could either enjoy full citizenship and equality — and serve in the army — or decline to service, lose their rights of citizenship and become "residents." Arabs could not vote for the Knesset or carry Israeli passports if they did not do national service; on the other hand, if they do fulfil the former obligation, then the latter is ~~their right~~. (Some proponents incidentally, apply the same argument to the ultra-Orthodox religious Jewish sects which refuse to do military service).

Labor MK Edna Solodar's thesis, also based on the obligations-rights principle, sees it not as an either-or situation, however. Under the law, Israeli Arabs enjoy full rights, and national service for them would constitute part of an ongoing process of integration and advancement with the wider community.

Arab MK Mohammed Miari's fierce opposition to the notion stems from his reading of the current situation as a conflict between Israel and the Palestinian people. It is incomprehensible, he argues, that Israeli Arabs should be expected to fight their brothers. In a curious bit of reasoning, he acknowledges that Israelis dedicate three years of their lives to the army and therefore are entitled to some privileges; but instead of this consisting of greater eligibility for grants and mortgages, as obtains now, they should be compensated by a lump payment of $300. Besides, he reasons, Arabs contribute to Israeli society by keeping the factories running.

**The arguments are many, as are the unanswered questions. What about Arabs who display particular promise; would they too be confined to non-combat units? What about the security questions; to what extent would Arab soldiers be exposed to strategic data? Would national service for Israeli Arabs engender hostility to or empathy for the country's Jewish populace? Would it be a progressive or regressive step?**

It is a tough, delicate issue, one that cannot be lightly resolved. The two paramount considerations must be, however, Israel's security and the integration of its Arab citizens — in that order.

**Esther Jungreis**

# Greatest threat to survival lies within us, Carr believes

**At the recent 1985 Toronto Negev Dinner of the Jewish National Fund, dinner honoree DONALD CARR addressed the question of community unity. The following excerpts have been taken from his speech.**

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I sense to the very fibre of my being that the greatest threat to us as a people — whether in Israel or on this continent — does not lie there with the Arabs, nor here with the Zundels and the Keegstras — threats though they most certainly are.

**The greatest threat lies — as too often in the past — within us.**

**The discord among the various branches of our religion threatens to do what no outside enemy has ever achieved.**

Whether it is the refusal of one group to participate in a communal meeting because it is being conducted in a Conservative synagogue or in a Reform temple; or whether it is a strident attack in the media or from the pulpit upon Orthodoxy, or any of the other myriad assaults, one upon the other, which neither time nor occasion permit me to recite but which are real, frequent and escalating — surely we are sowing the seeds of irreparable damage.

There are those who would decry public acknowledgment of the accelerating polarization. But there is no benefit in ignoring it. Indeed, we compound the sin by doing nothing and by saying nothing.

**We talk from time to time of the wonderfully productive dialogue between Christian and Jew — and so we should. But I hear very little about dialogue between Jew and Jew.**

**Instead, the trenches have been dug. The barricades are up. And the grenades are being lobbed across the lines.**

I see few leaders who demonstrate that they are as concerned about the concept of "Kol Yisrael Chaverim" as they are about insular denominationalism and, alas, the need to prove to those who are even more militant that they too can man those barricades.

I see few leaders with the insight or the understanding to recognize that the integrity of their own religious position is not shaken by acknowledging the integrity of someone else's.

I see few leaders prepared to speak out when they see unreasoned escalation being practiced by those who share their own particular religious philosophy.

**The burden of this rests clearly upon the rabbis. But, just as clearly, it does not rest on their shoulders alone. The non-rabbinic leaders of this community share that responsibility too, in equal measure.**

Unless we soon start to talk; unless we soon try to accommodate — and accommodation does not mean giving up basic principles, nor does it mean offence to halacha — unless we try to accommodate in areas essential for the good of the community, we, or the generation which follows will suffer an alienation which will spell calamity for us all.

So I . . . issue this challenge to those who have assumed the mantle of leadership in this community.

Toronto, which has over the years led in so many other areas of communal expression, must now take the lead in this, the most important of opportunities. And we must be brought together to chart an appropriate course in the spirit of Klal Yisrael. . .

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**Hitler consigned six millions of us to death.**

**I am reminded that he did not ask who of our six million kedoshim was an Orthodox Jew, who was a Reform Jew, who a Conservative Jew, or who a secular Jew.**

**The status "Jew," without any adjective, was enough.**

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# Opinion

## Failed to convey urgency of unfolding Nazi horror

# *Author documents callous attitude of U.S. press*

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

In January of 1943, the Gallup poll reported that nearly 30% of Americans dismissed as just a rumor news that 2 million Jews had been killed in Europe by the Nazis. Informal polls conducted by the Detroit Free Press and the New York Post in the same year found that a broad range of Americans did not believe the atrocity reports.

**The skepticism and even disbelief which Americans displayed toward the Holocaust and the events leading up to it can be explained. The American press, in covering Nazi Germany's persecution of Jews, failed to properly convey the urgency of the unfolding catastrophe. For a long time, editors and reporters alike did not really understand that anti-semitism was an integral part of Nazi ideology. And when they finally realized that genocide was the Nazis' objective, they tended to underplay the stories with ambiguous headlines on inside pages, writes Deborah Lipstadt in** *Beyond Belief (Collier Macmillan, $29.95).*

Deborah Lipstadt

Lipstadt, a professor of Jewish history at the University of California, pored over archives before reaching these conclusions. Among the major metropolitan dailies she examined were the New York Times, Los Angeles Examiner, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Chicago Tribune, Miami Herald, Christian Science Monitor, San Francisco Chronicle and Washington Post. She also read magazines like Collier's, Harper's, Life, Time and The Christian Century.

Beyond Belief, a major contribution to Holocaust studies, is based on hard evidence leavened by thoughtful interpretation. It is as valuable a book as David Wyman's *The Abandonment of the Jews*, published earlier this year.

Lipstadt divides Beyond Belief into two parts. The first, an analysis of prewar Nazi persecution of German Jews, encompasses passage of the Nuremberg Laws, the Berlin Olympics and Kristallnacht. The second, which is naturally more horrifying in its dimensions, chronicles the war period, during which the Nazis exterminated Jewish communities throughout Europe.

According to Lipstadt, the press handled the story badly right from the outset. News of the persecution of Jews was rarely viewed as an inherent expression of Nazism. Very few reporters were as prescient in their understanding of Nazism as Edgar Ansel Mowrer, the noted journalist. In his 1933 book, *Germany Puts the Clock Back*, he argued that the aim of the Nazis' "barbarous campaign was the extermination, permanent subjugation or voluntary departure of the Jews from Germany." Lipstadt says the failure to view Hitlerian anti-semitism as a reflection of the fundamental principles of Nazism was to have "important consequences" for the interpretation and comprehension of the Holocaust.

From the moment Nazi Germany began to harass the Jewish community, American correspondents based in Berlin, fearing they would be accused of fomenting hysteria, made a concerted effort to modulate the news. Lipstadt says their dispatches were generally balanced, reserved and moderate. But this did not satisfy some of their readers back home, notably U.S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull. In March of 1933, Hull, ignoring graphic reports from his own diplomats in Germany, suggested that the press was exaggerating the situation. He urged correspondents to report the news in a "spirit of moderation." Hull's skewed perception of German fascism was symptomatic of the times.

With Hull and like-minded Americans setting the tone for America's official response to Nazism, the average reader could almost be forgiven for reacting to Hitler's anti-semitism ambivalently, with both horror and disbelief, condemnation and skepticsm.

In some cases, press reaction was simply incredulous. The Christian Century suggested that the root of the problem was Jews' behavior, whether in business or politics. And Walter Lippmann, the self-hating Jewish pundit, noted that Germany should not be judged on the basis of its Nazis! As he put it: "Who that has studied history and cares for the truth would judge the French people by what went on during the terror?... Or *the Jews by their parvenus?*"

**Lipstadt claims that, until Kristallnacht, in 1938, much of the press continued to be "optimistic" regarding Germany's treatment of its Jews. It condemned the violence, the degradation, but always predicted that this particular indignity marked the end of the terrorist campaign against the Jews.**

Such was the myopia and the thick-headedness prevalent in those times that the St. Louis Post-Dispatch could actually suggest that Jews were being treated no differently from most other Germans. Time Magazine, in its reportage of the Olympic Games, never cited the Jews' absence from German teams or from the spectator stands. Time was content to believe that the Olympics provided Germany with an opportunity for "harmless amusement."

And while the press universally condemned Kristallnacht, it still had difficulty grasping that its one and only motive had been to destroy Jewish life in Germany and make the reich Judenrein.

**Even as Nazi anti-semitism grew to ferocious proportions, the press hewed to the belief that America should not become "a dumping ground" for Jewish refugees. The Christian Century, in its infinite wisdom, said in an editorial that an influx of Jews into the U.S. would be "a tragic disservice" to American Jews because it would "exacerbate" America's "Jewish problem."**

In light of such sentiments, it was ironical that Henry Ford, who had once published a scurrilously anti-semitic rag, advocated the immediate entry of Jewish refugees to the U.S.

The callousness exhibited by Americans in the 1930s and 1940s wouldn't have been surprising to any one who had studied American attitudes to Jews. Surveys taken from 1940 to 1946 showed that Jews were perceived as a greater menace to the welfare of the United States than any other national, religious or racial group.

During the war, when news of German atrocities was already well known, some editors simply could not believe the horrible accounts coming over the wire. Lipstadt speculates that false reports about atrocities in World War I may well have influenced their thinking.

**In any event, the skepticism which generally greeted the Holocaust was reflected in the placement of these stories. Most newspapers, she discloses, gave the Holocaust "cursory treatment," relegating Holocaust stories to the back pages and allotting them but a few lines. "Consequently, readers were left free to accept this news as valid or to dismiss it as unverified information in which the paper had little faith."**

**Skepticism and disbelief greeted reports that Jews in Europe were being slaughtered by the millions. Here a group of Jews in Lodz, Poland, are hanged.**

Two examples will suffice.

The Jewish-owned New York Times, in its July 2, 1942 edition, carried a one-column article on page 6 which discussed revelations that gas chambers were being used to kill Jews in Poland. On page 1, there was an item about Governor Herbert Lehman's donation of his tennis shoes to the scrap rubber drive!

When Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, chairman of the World Jewish Congress, announced in November that 2 million Jews had been slain, several major dailies ran the story on page 1. However, important newspapers like the Los Angeles Times, New York Times and Washington Post buried it inside.

**Eugene Meyer, the Jewish publisher of the Washington Post, does not appear to have cared very much about the disaster enveloping European Jewry. Meyer, who never identified with the Jewish community, was adamantly opposed to any special demands for the rescue of his brethren in Nazi-occupied Europe. ( Meyer's rejection of his Jewish heritage was so complete that once, when his daughter Kay Graham was asked by her classmates at Vassar what it was like to be a Jew, she could not respond because no one had ever told her she was one.)**

Lipstadt believes that the inclination of editors to find a rational explanation for Nazi massacres was so compelling that they sometimes accepted at face value German propaganda designed to camouflage the Holocaust. Deportations, the Nazis announced and the press reported, were necessary in order to provide homes for "bombed out Aryans." And the denial of the right of Jews to emigrate was explained by Nazis — and the press — as due to Germany's labor shortage.

Few newspapers were as prophetic as the Buffalo Courier Express, which commented that the Nazis were waging two wars — a conventional one against the Allies and "one of the basest, most brutal and vicious wars in human history... the war of extermination against the Jewish people..."

Lipstadt herself has trouble understanding how the press, in handling the most shocking story of the century, fell so short of the mark. "The press had access to a critically important and unprecedented story," she writes. "Yet it reacted with equanimity and dispassion."

What bothers her still more is the press' basic indifference to the madness perpetrated by the Nazis. Lipstadt is at a loss to explain it away. The mystery, she forecasts, will remain "unfathomable."

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**2,000,000 Jews Put To Death**

LONDON, April 20 (INS)—The Nazis, since the start of the war, have slain 2,000,000 Jewish men, women and children and 5,000,000 other Jews are in immediate danger of extinction, the interallied information committee on occupied countries said today.

The 2,000,000, an eighth of the prewar Jewish world population, died in mass executions and through various forms of torture, the sixth report to be published by the committee said.

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**News of the Holocaust was generally buried by major American newspapers. This story, in a 1943 edition of the Detroit Evening News, was placed on page 2.**

# Years haven't dented dental fears

By
ELAINE KAHN

My latest guilty secret is a certain amount of empathy with the 15-year-old Detroit boy who recently stormed into his orthodontist's office, demanding that his braces be removed — and then pulled a gun on the dentist when he refused to comply.

It's not that I dislike dentists. I like my own dentist so much that I try not to book appointments during the sailing season, when he's relaxing on the lake. One of us should be relaxed . . . preferably the one with the drill.

The point is that a visit to the dentist still scares me, much more than a trip to the doctor. After all, the worst my doctor can say is that I'm going to die.

For a few years, my mother would buy me a goldfish if I was a good girl at the dentist. We'd schlep it home in the kind of cardboard carton used for chop suey and two days later my father would spear the dead fish with a toothpick and flush it down the toilet.

I was not given a fish the day I threw up on the dentist as he tried to take impressions of my teeth with a mold that was too big for a mouth that, contrary to popular Oshawa folk wisdom, is not big.

**Soon after, four teeth were unceremoniously yanked out to add space, but this still left me with eye teeth that, on a good day, made me look as if my ancestors had come, not from Hesse and Pinak, but from Transylvania. It was hard enough to get a Jewish date on Saturday night in Oshawa without sporting what my mother tactfully referred to as fangs.**

Orthodontia followed. I was 11 years old and not pleased. Ever precocious, I had just learned to blow bubbles with gum.

The bottom hardware included a metal bar along the inside of my bottom teeth. My tongue, quick, witty, and highly sensitive, was in danger of permanent scarring from this torture instrument, so, one afternoon, unable to stand the pain any longer, I spent hours twisting and turning the metal until I had wrenched it free from my mouth.

My orthodontist couldn't believe I had actually managed it.

My father, I am sure, could not believe the extra bill for having the horrible thing reinstalled. What's more, and lung cancer aside, I'm sure he doesn't forgive me for the nicotine stains on what, hundreds of dollars later, were supposed to be lifelong pearly whites. I've compensated by becoming friends with a dentist's daughter whose smile could melt permafrost.

My Toronto dentist first assigned me a hygienist who would look into my mouth and threaten to jump from the second floor office rather than attack the stains with her creepy little scrapery pick. He now gives me a gentle woman who just peeks into my mouth, sighs a lot and discusses her book club while slaving away at the damage.

**The last time I was in, he even had an assistant stroke my hand reassuringly through the whole procedure as I did Lamaze breathing exercises to reduce the tension. They don't keep a chart on me — they stockpile Valium.**

I asked my dentist what to tell my kids to prepare them for their first checkup. Having decided I possessed a dangerous weapon, he cemented it shut.

# Opinion

## *But don't get me wrong*

# Yes, for the moment I'm for sheitlech . . .

By
J. B. SALSBERG

First, a sheitel, in case you don't know it, is a wig that was once worn by most, if not all, married Jewish women. The plural of sheitel is, to the best of my knowledge, sheitlech.

J.B. Salsberg

Second, the caption over this column should read: "Yes, for the moment I'm **for** sheitlech."

But don't get me wrong; I'm really not for the enforcement of any rule that would make the wearing of a sheitel obligatory. Why then do I say that for the moment I'm for sheitlech? Well, the truth is that I'm momentarily for the (voluntary) wearing of sheitlech for the same reason that I was not in favor of wearing them in the past.

Confusing? Have patience, my friends, and it will all become crystal clear.

In principle I'm not an advocate of the sheitel. Why? Because I see it as an expression of the subjugation of our womenhood; as a symptom of what we now call male chauvinism.

Ah, some will ask, but don't I believe in the practice of "modesty" for women? Yes, I'm for modesty, but **for both men and women.**

Furthermore, the modern, expensive sheitel is, often, more attractive to men than is the normal hair arrangement. If some of the ladies with $500 to $1,000 sheitlech and $5,000 mink coats are examples of modesty then it's time to have a second look at this matter.

As I see it, and I'm not offering guidelines to anyone, the sheitel is a symbol of male superiority (or male chauvinism) that, regrettably still lingers on. It lingers on not necessarily in the "observant" sector alone, but in all other areas of Jewish society.

My observations have led me to the conclusion that male chauvinism and the male's proprietary attitude towards his female mate is most pronounced among men who lack self-confidence or suffer from a feeling of chronic insecurity.

Now, as for the so-called virtue of feminine modesty, I would like to share an experience of some years ago.

It was on one of those sleepless nights that, I'm sure, everyone experiences from time to time. On such occasions I try to read the heaviest kind of printed matter. On this occasion I found myself with a volume of extracts from the Talmud. The opened page in front of me dealt with the rules that apply on the Sabbath. Before long I was fascinated by the rules that governed the wearing and use of jewelry and cosmetics on Sabbath by our womenfolk in ancient times.

Imagine one's discovery that our women, in that distant past, were concerned with questions like permissibility of wearing jewelry (on fingers, around the neck, on the ankles, etc.) on the Sabbath and whether it was permissible to carry cosmetic cases on the Sabbath for perfumes, facial paints, etc., etc.

Was that a custom or a violation of the practice of "modesty"? Of course not. The rules, as I recall now, were quite sensible and by no means prohibitive. I became prouder than I was ever before of our womenfolk of long ago.

But, someone may suggest, that all those permitted practices applied only to the young and the unmarried of the female gender. If so, then the restrictions placed upon married women — sheitels, etc. — is but proof of the proprietary relationships that marriage would seem to create and which neither men nor women should acquiesce to. The issue is not modesty but one of equality.

By now, I'm sure, most loyal readers will begin to wonder why I wandered off into this rather restricted and sparsely-populated territory. Well, it's my allergic reaction to injustice in general and to the abominable sex prejudice in particular.

This piece was triggered by a prominent advertisement placed in a New York Yiddish weekly that caters largely to the Orthodox Jewish sector.

**The ad featured a call by the "Ratsferter Rabbi" against the wearing of sheitlech, instead of head-scarves, especially in public places. The rabbi wrings his hands and laments the evil that has hit the "Jewish vineyard" when our daughters go out into the streets with sheitlech on their heads . . .**

**That, I would think, would be sufficiently odd to make one turn his head in amazement. But, there is more and, in my view, worse to come.**

**According to that unbelievable public appeal "every man, is obliged to see to it that his household" not be guilty of the sin of appearing in public in a sheitel . . .**

I was, as they say, boiling mad when I read that passionate appeal against the wearing of a sheitel in public. I was determined to deal with it before the year was out. The year, alas, is about to go and I will feel better after drawing your attention to this bit of fanatical extremism.

And that is how I, who was never known as a champion of the sheitel-wearing practice, feel obliged, in the face of the denial of the right to wear one, to come out for the right of wearing a sheitel publicly by any woman who desires to do so.

In conclusion: A sheitel if you desire to wear one; but a sheitel most definitely if you are denied the right to wear one!

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address and handwritten signatures.*

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**Jonathan Pollard and his wife Anne Henderson-Pollard...suspects in spy case involving Israel.**

**SPY CAPER AN OUTRAGE**

I am utterly appalled and outraged after reading your Dec. 5 front-page story revealing how Jonathan Jay Pollard and his wife were paid by Israel to spy on the U.S.

Not only was it unethical, but grossly stupid . . . to steal information from the only real, useful friend that the Israelis have.

The U.S. is justified in being shocked. It was perfidious!

In my view, there is only one way for Israel to overcome the justified revulsion of the U.S. — that is, for the present government of Israel to be forced to resign.

**Cyril E. Schwisberg**
**Montreal**

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**WE'RE "INVIDIOUS, INSIDIOUS"**

Re your Nov. 28 editorial harangue headed "Grave Disservice," directed against the U.S. Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis for calling the Mormon mission in Israel "insidious."

I consider your editorial, which compares her with infamous anti-semites, not only insidious but invidious.

As a "Jewish" newspaper, you should be aware of the proselytizing activity in Israel and elsewhere of the Mormon Church and other fundamentalist Christian churches.

The fact that you regard these persons as "good and peace-loving" makes one wonder about your awareness and/or knowledge of anything that is happening in the Jewish world.

**Yehudi Shields**
**Toronto**

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**WE'RE "OFFENSIVE, LUDICROUS"**

Your editorial about the recent lecture given by Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis was not only offensive and ludicrous but a complete distortion of fact.

In your zeal to smear the rebbetzin and indirectly lash out at Orthodox Jewish values, you summarize in 15 biased words the content of an entire lecture and thereby trivialize what was a compelling appeal to Jewish youth to uphold Torah values.

In your paean to Mormonism you neglect to mention that their proposed mission in Jerusalem is a $25 million complex located near the Hebrew University and their goal is to convert young Israelis.

One wonders how the "peace-loving," "moral" Mormons would react if Jews chose to proselytize them and establish a comparable Jewish mission in Salt Lake City?

Would they, like the "tolerant" mayor of Jerusalem, allow this to happen?

**Janet Boulakia**
**Toronto**

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**WE "PATRONIZE" MALAYSIANS**

Re your Nov. 28 article by Steve Kantor in Malaysia headed "Search for Penang's last Jews gives vital lesson":

I am tired of reading patronizing articles like the above.

Let Steve Kantor and his friends visit the big cities in the United States and Canada, and they will find large groups of Jews from the Middle East and Asia trying to adjust to their Ashkenazic neighbors.

The name of the game is "conform to the majority," and those who want to keep what they consider worthwhile of their own culture often go unrecognized and have a very difficult time.

**Surprising as it may seem to many of your readers, Jewish people from these areas are not Ashkenazic and do not speak Yiddish, German, Polish or Russian or other European languages.**

**Often they speak French, Spanish, Arabic, Hindi, Persian, Marathi and Malayan.**

**They don't eat, nor have they heard of bagels, sour cream or gefitle fish. They eat the bread and food similar to that of their neighbors and what is available in that country.**

Kantor may find it a more worthwhile sociological experiment to question members of these communities than to walk among the cemetries of some distant land.

And to answer his question: Where did the Jews of Panang go?

They went to Singapore, Hong Kong, Australia, California and England for business or personal reasons. I know because some of them were my cousins.

**Grace P. Marshall**
**Toronto**

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**WAGNERIAN "STUPIDITY JACKPOT"**

Re Prof. Klaus Herrmann's Nov. 14 letter headed "Wagner inspired Herzl":

**His praise of Richard Wagner's "immortal" music, and his equating the latter's contribution to that of Albert Einstein hit the absurdity jackpot.**

Even if Wagner did not arrange music for the Auschwitz orchestra, he surely prepared the groundwork for what was to come in Germany.

Wagner's publication, *Judaism in Music* (1869), is referred to by the *Handbook for the Jewish Question* is being "one of his ever-memorable merits in pointing out the destructive forces of Judaism in the realm of music."

In his *Statements Regarding Religion and Art*, Wagner raves against Jews and viciously attacks their race and religion. Therefore, Wagner was referred to as a typical example for the German anti-semitic trend in his century.

How any self-respecting Jew can accept Wagner and what he produced, after the lessons we have been given, is beyond me. Honestly.

**Karl Georg Roessler**
**Montreal**

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**HE DOUBLE THANKS US**

I am grateful to The CJN for the prominent place you gave to Rabbi Monson's review of my book *You Can Be Your Own Rabbi*, and particularly, for your thoughtful preface.

This is a good occasion to thank you again for your help when my family needed it for the successful liver transplant that my 5-year-old grandson had in Pittsburgh about 2½ years ago. The boy and his family have been back in Israel since July, and David is well, with the help of cyclosporin.

**Rabbi Aron Horowitz**
**Toronto**

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**ANTI-ITALIAN ATTACK "IGNORANT"**

Knowledgeable Jews recoil with shame on reading the utterly ignorant statements penned by Larry Alex on Oct. 17, claiming Italy's treatment of World War II Jews was "vicious."

**The wonderful example of sincere humanitarianism towards their fellow man, in this instance the Jewish people, displayed by the great mass of the Italian people, including their army and civil servants, is well-documented even though perhaps not publicized.**

**The countless good deeds of the Italian populace must be evaluated particularly carefully because at all times these were done at great risk to themselves, if only because it was against the "official" policy of their fascist leaders, whereas of course similar good deeds done by the Danish population were encouraged by their brave King and most of his government.**

It was Goethe who said: "There is nothing more terrifying than to see ignorance in action," sic Mr. Alex.

**Arthur I. Stevens**
**Toronto**

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**SAYS WE'RE "IRRESPONSIBLE"**

Regarding your Nov. 28 editorial "Grave Disservice":

Your shocking lack of awareness and/or concern regarding the actions of the Mormon church with regard to their proposed "centre" on Mt. Scopus in Jerusalem is irresponsible.

Your comparison of Rebbitzin Esther Jungreis to Rev. Louis Farrakhan is deeply offensive under any circumstance, but especially so when based on an apparent total ignorance of the context in which the rebbitzin's remarks were made.

The final insult was your quotation from Max Dimont: "Better to disappear into a bedroom than into a crematorium."

**This philosophy runs totally counter to everything that Judaism stands for. Is there no other option open? Must we either assimilate and convert or face death?**

**And if, in fact, no alternative, by what authority does one conclude that it is better to convert than die?**

**Who decided that spiritual death is preferable to physical death? Throughout our long and often painful history, have not our teachers and leaders ruled otherwise?**

Has not our recent history in Europe proven, once and for all, as if any further proof was needed, that disappearing into the bedroom is no guarantee that you will save yourself from disappearing into the ovens?

You are treading on dangerous ground! It is mandatory for your editorial writers to examine fully the subject matter they wish to comment on.

Jews have been, and are even now, constantly under attack. Usually the wolves who hope to devour us are dressed in sheep's clothing.

It behooves us to examine very carefully all foreign influences, from both within and from without our camp, if we hope to preserve our glorious tradition.

**M. H. Lipson**
**Toronto**

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**REUNION SMASHING SUCCESS**

Just a note to say that, thanks to The CJN's support, our silver anniversary reunion of the CHAT Alumni Association was a smashing success.

**Michael Zeldman**
**Toronto**

# World-National

## Proceedings kept deliberately low key

# 2 Toronto men convicted of promoting hatred

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spiracy, coordinated with the spread of Communism, to control political and financial dealings.

"Those parts of the material which deal with Jews so clearly constitute the (dictionary) definition of hatred that the only adjective I can think of to indicate the degree of hatred is obscene," Wren said.

The material "crearly indicates not only hatred but hatred to an unbelievable degree."

The words Jewish and Zionist were used interchangeably throughout the material, he added.

The material was seized last year by Ontario Provincial Police at the home of Andrews and Smith at 27 Kingsmount Park Rd. in Toronto, and included subscription mailing lists, pre-addressed labels, draft materials and correspondence with white-supremacy groups throughout the world, MacDonald told court.

The crown called only one witness— a subscriber to the magazine— to prove the material was indeed mailed.

**All other evidence was submitted in writing to Wren last Sept. 16, when Andrews and Smith pleaded not guilty. There was no jury and proceedings were kept deliberately low key.**

whom a large measure of the hatred was directed.

The bulk of those parts of The Nationalist Report that don't deal with Jews, Wren stated, are directed against Sikhs, Vietnamese and notably Blacks, who are labeled as lazy, inferior to whites, of low intelligence and freeloaders who, paradoxically, "take away jobs from whites."

"There are many such paradoxes in this garbage," Wren said.

The material advocated "repatriating" Blacks to the countries of their ancestal origins.

"There are countless (such) examples to show the wilfullness" of the authors' hatred, Wren said.

These included stickers reading "Niggers go home," and some urging people not to shop in stores owned by Jews, with "Israel stinks" written on them.

The denial of the Holocaust's existence was also a prominent aspect of the material, Wren added.

But a common component was that of white supremacy and labeling whites who mix with Blacks and Jews as "racetraitors."

At one point, an angry Wren said there was "clear evidence" the accused showed close associations with white nationalist groups around the world, "and with individuals and their causes including Hitler, Zundel and Keegstra."

In her arguments, MacDonald said Andrews and Smith distributed the material "on a fairly broad basis," a fact which was "at the heart" of the case.

She said the promotion of white superiority constitutes hatred in itself because it holds up non-whites to derision and contempt.

She said while it is acceptable legally to communicate such sentiment in private, it is illegal to wilfully spread it to the public, knowing it would foster hatred.

But defence lawyer Gibson said his clients did not consciously promote hatred.

He said while his clients' opinions may be unpopular and "outside the mainstream of Canadian politics," they evoked "lesser emotions" than hatred, emotions such as suspicion, distrust, contempt and dislike, none of which are illegal.

Andrews and Smith, he admitted, did believe in separation of the races but said that their opinions constituted "the establishment and maintenance of white pride."

Gibson said hatred is nowhere defined in this section of the Criminal Code and that the section does not encompass emotions less extreme than hatred.

He reminded Wren of the charge to the jury in the Keegstra case, in which Mr. Justice John MacKenzie said the jury must not confuse hate with lesser emotions.

**In sentencing the pair, Wren noted the mitigating factor of the accused not using the court as a platform for their views.**

**But he said Andrews and Smith "belong to a neo-Nazi political party," and agreed with the Crown that a stiff sentence was necessary to deter the two.**

**Referring to the Keegstra case, Wren said the sentence of a $5,000 fine against Keegstra was "woefully inadequate."**

**The Crown had argued for a stiffer sentence against Andrews because of his previous record.**

**In February, 1978, Andrews, then a public health inspector, was sentenced to concurrent sentences of six months in jail for possession of explosives, two years less a day for conspiracy to commit arson and two years less a day for conspiracy to commit mischief. He was paroled in November, 1978.**

**Smith had no previous criminal record.**

**Both Andrews and Smith were granted bail pending appeal.**

# Cliche-filled melodrama has unbelievable end

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conviction last summer on a charge of wilfully promoting hatred against Jews.

He was fined $5,000 and the crown, which argued for a jail term, is cross-appealing the sentence.

Over the protest of CBC officials, Keegstra's injunction successfully prevented showing the drama in Alberta, although it was telecast in all other Canadian provinces.

**Playwright - director Bond protested to reporters that the injunction "violates my freedom of speech. I'm being censored before the fact."**

Bond went on to claim that the drama ought to be shown in Alberta of all places.

"I think Doug Christie has blown his cover," said Bond. "He's trying to suppress a film about freedom of speech while arguing that Keegstra has the right to his own opinion."

Christie, however, maintained that many of the fictional characters resembled those in the original case, including teachers, townsfolk and the woman who brought the complaint that led to Keegstra's dismissal.

**Freedom of speech as an excuse for hatemongering becomes a vital issue only in the last 10 minutes or so of the cliche-ridden melodrama . . . almost an excuse for resolving a contrived plot.**

It deals with a WASP divorcee who moves from Toronto with her spoiled teenaged son to one of those idealized small towns that exist only in Soap Opera Land.

Because she has fallen in love with a Jew (played offhandedly by actor Saul Rubinek), the boy finds a surrogate father in the high school principal and history teacher (portrayed insidiously as a smiling, avuncular bigot by Thomas Peacocke, who happens to be a University of Alberta drama teacher in real life).

We see him teaching in the classroom (always with a smile) that the Jews run the Soviet Union, control the Federal Reserve Board, and are responsible for high interest rates.

The boy parrots these distorted views and is praised by his teacher: "you have the makings of a real historian."

**The boy's resentment of his mother's Jewish boyfriend finds an ugly outlet when he ultimately shouts at her: "He stole you from Dad. Jews steal!"**

The plot takes on a slight twist when the father returns from a business trip in Palm Springs and reprimends his priggish son for "behaving like a jerk."

Even though the father asserts his admiration for his ex-wife's Jewish suitor, the boy continues to find comfort in his anti-semitic teacher.

The thoroughly unbelievable climax comes when the boy has a sudden change of heart and testifies that he was wrong about the anti-semite at a school board meeting called by his mother to demand that the hatemongering teacher ought to be fired.

End of play with the boy hugging Mom in a welter of soppy forgiveness.

The play's supporters maintain we ought to be grateful to the CBC for even daring to air the controversial issue of race hatred.

**This reviewer maintains that the CBC has taken its usual creampuff stance and given us just another cloyingly sweet serving of Disneyesque pastry.**

# Confidence vote expected to fail

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are firmly committed to vote against the amendment and have done so in the past.

**The issue is sharply divisive among both Israelis and Jews abroad. It is strenuously opposed by Reform and Conservative Jewry in the U.S. It is passionately supported by Israel's Orthodox establishment. Avraham Shapiro, of the Aguda Israel Party, said he was prepared to forego all governmental special support for religious institutions in Israel "if there is a 20% chance of getting the amendment through" the Knesset.**

Opposition to the Mormon Centre is motivated by fear of missionary activity for which the Mormon Church, based in Salt Lake City, Utah, is noted. But the Mormon representatives here have promised explicitly to desist from proselytizing in Israel. Nevertheless, according to Shapiro, "they are bringing Jesus into Jerusalem."

Although the religious factions are at odds with the much larger secular parties on these issues, they seem to share the almost universal abhorrence of Rabbi Meir Kahane's racist Kach Party. Kahane introduced his own non-confidence motion in the Knesset. The religious MKs joined the rest of their colleagues who absented themselves from the chamber while Kahane spoke. They returned to vote against the Kach motion.

Rabbi Eliezer Shach, spiritual leader of the Shas Party, has instructed his followers never under any circumstances to support Kahane on any issue whatsoever.

# "Media circus" avoided

**That was done, agreed both MacDonald and defence counsel Robert Gibson, to avoid the kind of "media circus" that surrounded Toronto publisher Ernst Zundel, found guilty earlier this year of spreading lies about the Holocaust, and former Alberta teacher James Keegstra, convicted last summer of promoting hatred against Jews.**

**"We didn't want to provide (the accused) with a platform, a forum, for their views," MacDonald said. "We didn't want to lend (the material) credibility in a court."**

**Zundel himself and several of his supporters attended the trial.**

**So did representatives of the Canadian Jewish Congress, B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights, the Jewish Defence League and the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association, whose leader Sabina Citron, also in attendance, laid the original charges against Zundel.**

**The trial was closely monitored by Jewish groups as another important test of Canadian hate laws.**

But absent, except for sentencing, were any representatives of non-white groups and especially Black groups, against

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*Peres sees no hope for autonomy talks*

# Unity government split looms over Taba issue

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**whereby conciliation would be given a 3-month trial period, after which arbitration would be automatic.**

Egypt claims that Taba is one of the issues preventing full normalization of relations with Israel. Peres is said to believe this as well. By contrast, Shamir argues that Egypt is using Taba as an excuse to keep its relations with Israel from developing normally.

**In an unrelated development, Peres said there was no chance now that the autonomy talks on the Palestinians, which were begun in 1979, could be resumed.**

Israel Radio reported Peres as saying the "subject is dead."

Peres did not say whether autonomy came up in last week's Israel-Egypt negotiations.

The talks, an outgrowth of the 1978 Camp David Accords, were designed to lead to eventual self-rule for the Palestinians of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, but soon bogged down in a welter of disagreements. Israel, Egypt and the U.S. took part in the negotiations, but Palestinian representatives and Jordan did not.

Essentially, Israel and Egypt locked horns over what powers should be granted to the Palestinians. Egypt said they were entitled to legislative powers, but Israel was not prepared to cede more than administrative powers.

In other developments, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak reiterated his belief that the PLO is "the sole representative of the Palestinians, whether we like it or not." Mubarak warned the Arab-Israeli dispute could not be solved peacefully unless the PLO was involved.

Israel's ally, the U.S., criticized Western European nations for moving toward legitimizing the PLO before it changes its policy toward Israel.

**Secretary of State George Shultz noted: "Unlike some of our European friends, we feel that gestures toward the PLO while it has not accepted (UN Security Council resolutions) 242 ands 338 only mislead (the PLO's) leaders into thinking their present inadequate policy is gaing them international acceptance and stature."**

Shultz declared the PLO was "excluding itself as a player" as long as it rejected the two resolutions — which call for an Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories and a "just and lasting peace" in the Middle East.

Meanwhile, Reuter, in a dispatch from Tunis, reported that the PLO was shifting some of its military personnel from Tunisia to Iraq, Jordan, Algeria, North Yemen and Sudan. PLO spokesmen said the move had nothing to do with the Israeli strike on PLO headquarters in Tunisia last October.

**In Nicosia, the three Palestinians who triggered the air attack by killing three Israeli civilians in a Larnaca marina were sentenced to life in prison. The three, two Arabs and an Englishman, admitted they carried out the crime.**

**In Amman, King Hussein of Jordan accepted an invitation from Syria's president to visit Damascus before the end of this year. Jordan's acceptance signifies a drastic improvement in relations between the two countries. Recently, Jordan and Syria reestablished diplomatic ties after a 5-year hiatus.**

In an interview with The Wall Street Journal, King Hussein said Syrian President Hafez Assad was interested in entering Arab-Israeli peace talks "under the right conditions."

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# Eight Israelis die in barracks blaze

**JERUSALEM (JTA) —** Eight Israeli soldiers missing in a predawn blaze that swept through an army barracks in Samaria last week were found dead after firefighters managed to bring the fire under control and make their way through the rubble.

Fifteen other soldiers were injured, none seriously.

The dead were identified as: Avraham Avizraz, of Netanya; Yaacov Avragil, Tel Aviv; Moshe Aharaon, Mevasseret Zion; David Lankry, Ashkelon; Roni Mazalevi, Ramla; David-Hayim Markewitz, Jerusalem; Elhanan Nathan, Jerusalem; and Daniel Shuval, Jerusalem.

The Israel Defence Force has launched an intensive investigation into the cause of the fire which occurred at the Mavo Shiloh artillery corps base near Maale Ephriam, overlooking the Jordan Valley. The cause of the fire has not yet been established.

**Maj.-Gen. Amnon Shahal, who is in charge of the central command, said the fire was probably caused by a lit candle that might have been knocked over accidentally by a cigarette that had been left lit.**

**IDF investigators did not immediately rule out the possibility of terrorist action, but said this was unlikely.**

# *Britain decides to leave UNESCO*

**LONDON —** Despite pleas by Canada, Japan, West Germany and France, Britain decided last week to withdraw from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Britain accused UNESCO — which once kept Israel out of its European regional group — of poor management and political bias against the West.

**Late last year, the U.S. pulled out of UNESCO, charging that it has become a forum for Soviet and radical Third World initiatives against individual human rights, a free press and Western positions on arms control.**

UNESCO was founded 40 years ago to promote cooperation among nations through educational, scientific and cultural projects. Like the U.S., Britain was one of the founding countries.

With their departure, UNESCO still has 158 member states. However, the U.S. provided 25% of its budget, while Britain's share was 4%. UNESCO's 1984-85 budget was $375 million.

Canada and its Western allies said they would fight to bring change to UNESCO. Monique Vezina, the Canadian minister of state for external relations, said she regretted Britain's decision.

"Canada wil be its own spokesman, and from inside we think we can participate and activate the dynamism of this organization. We will continue to follow very, very closely the administrative management of programs and we'll speak in our name," she explained.

**After Israel was temporarily suspended from UNESCO in the mid-1970s, there was much worldwide protest, particularly from prominent figures in the arts and sciences. As a result, Israel was soon reinstated.**

# *Herzog grants amnesty to 2 Jewish terrorists*

**JERUSALEM (JTA) —** President Chaim Herzog has granted amnesty to two of the 27 members of a Jewish underground terrorist network in the West Bank serving sentences for acts of violence against Arabs.

**Most were convicted and sentenced earlier this year. Dan Be'eri, 41, a former Roman Catholic from France who converted to Judaism, and Yosef Tzuria,m a 26-year-old Jewish settler in the West Bank, were sentenced in 1984 for plotting to blow up Islamic shrines on the Temple Mount in East Jerusalem. Each was given three years and would have been eligible for parole in several months had Herzog not intervened to release them sooner.**

Herzog freed another underground member earlier this year.

There had been demands from right-wing politicians and West Bank settlers for a blanket amnesty while the trials were still in progress. Herzog made clear at the time that he would consider amnesty on an individual basis only after the judicial process ran its course.

Right-wingers in the Knesset plan to present a bill for amnesty for those remaining in jail. They include settlers convicted of the 1980 car bombings which maimed two West Bank mayors and blinded a police sapper, and others found guilty of killing three Arab university students in the West Bank.

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# Organizations and People

## What's New

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

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## Saturday, Dec. 21

**JUBILEE CABARET DANCE**

Jubilee Club for seniors invites you to a Cabaret Dance, with music by **Ben Berens** orchestra, Saturday, Dec. 21 at 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome. There will be refreshments and door prizes. Come out and enjoy.

General admission is $4 per person, cost to club members is $3. Please bring your membership cards.

Location is 864 Sheppard Ave. W.

## Monday, Dec. 23

**ALJS MEETING**

The discussion group of the Association for the Living Jewish Spirit (ALJS) meets Monday, Dec. 23, at 7.30 p.m. in Forest Hill Public Library, 666 Eglinton Ave. W. Everyone, old, young and middle aged, is welcome.

The group continues with the theme, Other Modern Approaches to Judaism. Specifically, it will consider **Hermann Cohen's** Religion of Reason and Leo Baeck's Religious Consciousness.

Participation of those attending is encouraged. Bring your questions, objections, challenges and comments.

## Wednesday, Dec. 25

**SELF-HELP WIDOWERS GROUP**

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widowers Group for men over 55 years of age, widowed less than two years, meets on Wednesday, Dec. 25, from 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. in the library of the centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The coordinator is **Howard Weiss.**

For information, call 789-5131, ext. 2269.

## And What Else Is New ...

**SUMMER IN ISRAEL**

Israel Youth Program Centre is accepting application requests for programs in Israel this summer. These programs, which provide a variety of opportunities to see and experience Israel, are offered to youth and young adults between the ages of 15 and 35.

Detailed brochures and applications are available through the centre at 1000 Finch Ave. W., Suite 117, or by telephoning 665-7733.

**CLOSED CAPTIONED DECODERS**

North York Public Library now provides closed captioned decoders for people who have a hearing impairment. The decoders may be borrowed, with or without closed-captioned video cassettes, for an overnight loan period.

The library also provides overnight loans of such closed-captioned video titles as The Empire Strikes Back, Terms of Endearment, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs and The Right Stuff.

These, plus more than 50 others, are available from the audio-visual department at 5145 Yonge St., north of Sheppard Ave. A full catalogue of closed-caption and standard video cassettes is available there to aid in selection. All videos and decoders are available on a first-come, first-served basis. No reserves are accepted.

For more details call the audio visual department at 222-9011 or the public relations department at 495-3346.

**MISSISSAUGANS TAKE NOTE**

A discussion on Marriage and Divorce, part 2 in a series on Jewish life, follows the Dec. 20th Friday evening service at Solel Synagogue, 2399 Folkway Dr.

On Saturday, Dec. 21, the grade 8 and 9 classes from Beth Sefer Solel, will be acting out sedra scenes during the 10 a.m. morning service.

Following the 7.30 p.m. service on Friday, Jan. 17, the game Mispocha Madness will be featured.

On Jan. 18 at 10 a.m., the Shabbat service will be conducted by the Beth Sefer Solel grade 7 class.

To inquire further, call 820-5915.

**WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY WEEKEND**

Jewish Women's Spirituality Weekend in the Country, which includes a celebration of the new moon, begins Friday evening, Jan. 10, and continues through Sunday, Jan. 12. Here is an opportunity for women to find and create their roles in Judaism.

For more information call **Rayzel**, 667-3647 or **Susan,** 536-2594.

**GUITAR COMPETITION**

Attention, aspiring Canadian guitarists - the Guitar Society of Toronto announces its first national guitar competition, Guitar Canada, April 26 and 27, in Toronto. Finalists will play with the Canadian Chamber Ensemble during the competition.

The competition will consist of three stages, tape evaluation; semi-finals with a public performance at the Royal Conservatory of Music April 26; finals, a public performance at the Premiere Dance Theatre, Harbourfront, April 27. Deadline for tapes is Feb. 1.

Mail inquiries to Guitar Canada Competition, 525 Balliol St., Unit 6, Toronto, M4S 1E1, or telephone (416) 487-0536.

**LEGACY EUROPEAN TOUR**

The proposed tour to Prague to see the Jewish quarter, the museum and Theresienstadt, as well as Jewish museums elsewhere in Europe, is filling up.

The trip, Sept. 5 to 21, is designed to take a "Jewish look" at cities in Europe. Anyone is welcome to sign up.

Those who saw 300 items from the Precious Legacy, will want to see the other 10,000.

For additional information call **Ray Havelock,** 225-8714.

**PREVENTING WINTER INJURIES**

Health League of Canada is sponsoring a free conversational evening on Sports: How to Prevent Winter Injuries, Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 7.30 p.m. at the Metropolitan Toronto Library, meeting room D, 789 Yonge St.

Speakers include **Joseph Piccininni,** athletic therapist, and trainer for the University of Toronto Blues; **Gord Anderson,** co-owner and squash professional at The Squash Academy and **Beau Kent,** fitness director at The Fitness Institute. Moderator will be **Gord James** from CHUM Radio.

For reserved seating (individuals and groups) call the Health League at 486-6023.

**SEPARATION AND DIVORCE**

Jewish Family and Child Service is offering a 6-session group program to help you and your children adjust to the stress associated with separation and divorce.

There will be separate groups for children and adults.

The program starts the week of Jan. 20. For more information contact **Gabor Gellert,** at 498-5223.

**HUMANE SOCIETY SALE**

The auxiliary of the North York branch of the Ontario Humane Society is having its annual post holiday sale at the Thrift Shop, 312 Wilson Ave. (just west of Bathurst St.), on Dec. 27 and 28, from 10 a.m to 4 p.m. The entire stock of clothing, sports equipment, toys and holiday items will be half-price.

Total proceeds from this sale will be used to care for animals at the Animal Shelter in North York.

**SHE'ARIM THERAPIST**

**Former Montrealer Simcha Paul,** has been hired as the new therapist at She'arim Day School. He is a PhD candidate at the California Institute of Integral Studies.

## singles

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**Jewish Union Book Club** will meet on Sunday, Jan. 12 at 1.30 p.m. to discuss and review **Isaac Bashevis Singer's** novel, The Penitent (1983 edition). Music appreciation follows, and refreshments will be served. There is no charge. If interested, write to **Jerry Lerman,** 1654 Bathurst St., Suite 408, Toronto, M5P 3J9.

**Beth Tikvah Chai Singles** invite you to an exciting New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance, with prizes, free drink, noisemakers and cash bar. Enjoy a tasty dinner, dance to the music of a top deejay and have a fun evening. It all begins at 9 p.m. in the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave.

Numbers are limited, and reservations must be paid in full by Dec. 20. Cost is $20 per person for members, $25, non-members. Call **Rose,** 226-1854, **Claire,** 781-7765, **Barbara,** 665-1903 or **Trudy,** 661-7479.

An entertaining program is planned for **Total Living Mature Singles'** general meeting Sunday evening, Dec. 22 at 8, in Earl Bales Community Centre, Bathurst and Sheppard. Don't forget the free membership draw, for paid-up members only. Refreshments will be served. Admission is $2 for members, $3, non-members.

Join **Holy Blossom Single/Single Parents Group** for the 8.30 p.m. service at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St., and a group discussion of the rabbi's sermon in the board room. Wine and cake will be served. Telephone **James Casquenette** for information, 485-9911.

A Super Singles Bash will be held at **Dreams,** 51 Eglinton Ave. E., on Thursday, Dec. 26 at 8 p.m. Refreshments are All You Can Eat Chicken Wings, and cover charge is $7. Call 446-1394.

**Singles 40 Plus Coffee House** will participate in Communicating, a series of communication exercises designed to examine our skills at listening, and how we are understood by others. This is set for Monday, Dec. 23, 8 p.m., at the JCC northern branch, 4588 Bathurst St. Cost is $1 for JCC members, $2, non-members.

At the next general meeting of the **NE Valley Branch, JCC Single/Single Parent Group,** social worker **Helen Sugar** of Jewish Family and Child Service, will be the guest speaker. The meeting begins at 8 p.m. in Hillcrest Public Library, 5801 Leslie St. Refreshments will be served. Admission is $2 for members, $3, non-members. For details call 889-0813.

And, NE Jewish Single/Single Parents look ahead to a dance on Tuesday, Dec. 24, 8.30 p.m. at The Valley, 7015 Leslie St. There will be a deejay, cash bar, coffee, tea and assorted munchies. Cost for members is $4, $6 non-members. For more information call **Jodi,** 889-0813.

**Holy Blossom Single/Single Parents Group** will join **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, Baruch Browns** and the **Floating Singles Congregation** for an Oneg Shabbat in the temple at 8.30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 20.

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**This happy group of JNF collectors and drivers typify the spirit on the London, Ont. JNF Blue Box campaign: back row (left to right) David Fried, Martin Shapiro; front row, Tigra Fried, Brian Fried, Jason Wexler, Aviva Bass. [Rael Wienburg photo]**

## HAPPY WINNER

**Winner of the Stellar Hyundai car at the Casino Night in Fairview Mall sponsored by the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living and Thornhill Lodge B'nai B'rith, is R. Sharma, (centre). Congratulating him are (left to right) George Weinberger, president of the Bernard Betel Centre; Marvin Mortenfeld, chairman of the Casino Night; Arthur Kates and Larry Stitsky, of Thornhill Lodge. Over $25,000 was raised for the Bernard Betel Centre and other charities. The car was donated by P.A. Euro Cars Ltd.**

# Organizations and People

## What's New

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### for seniors

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Jewish Ethics and Philosophy, a rabbis' lecture series, continues on Wednesday afternoons from 3 to 4 in the Waltman Fireside Lounge of the **Wagman Centre,** 55 Ameer Ave. On Dec. 25, **Rabbis Moses Burak** will examine The Ethical Vacuum of Today.

Federal government grants totaling $72,287 have been awarded to nine groups of retired people in the Toronto area. These are offered within the New Horizons program which enables seniors to create projects of their own choosing, to benefit themselves and others in the community.

Among the recipients were the **Earl Bales Senior Woodworking Group,** given $4,418 to expand the use of a woodworking shop with the addition of a dust collecting system, and **Terrace Gardens Go-Getters,** 3705 Bathurst St., who received $6,863, to establish a program of activities including fitness classes, socials, guest speakers, arts and crafts.

The Line and Ballroom Dancing at **Earl Bales Seniors Place,** in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard, continues in full swing. Come out on Wednesdays from from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. and have an enjoyable evening with **Ada Goldblatt** assisted by **Irving Naftolin.** There is no charge.

Here's a reminder about the New Year's Eve Party sponsored by **Earl Bales Seniors Club,** also in the community centre, on Tuesday, Dec. 31 from 7 - 11.30 p.m. Enjoy a chicken dinner and dancing for $10 per person, members, $12, non-members. To inquire further phone **Pearl** at 636-7856, Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Members please note - Earl Bales Seniors Place will be closed from Jan. 1 to March 17.

Lunch at noon, followed by entertainment, is the agenda for the **Workmen's Circle Social Club,** 471 Lawrence Ave. W., Tuesday, Dec. 24. Tickets for the Miami trip will be available at the Tuesday, Dec. 31 meeting and must be picked up then by everyone who has signed up.

**Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club** reminds you of ongoing programs that can make your life productive and enjoyable: Mondays, from 11 a.m. to noon, folkdancing, 1 to 3 p.m., a drama series with **Nat Garnick;** Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m., oil painting; Thursdays, 10.30 to 11.30 a.m., dancercize with music.

There are still a few reservations for early January available at the new Sassoon Hotel in Miami Beach.

The trip to Western Canada has been finalized. This beautiful 2-week tour commences May 13 and includes all quality hotels, and three days at Expo 86. There will be no Shabbos travel. For more details call **Lena Sugar,** 782-2262. Make your reservations early.

On Monday, Dec. 23, at 1 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club's own drama group, under the direction of **Nat Garnick,** will perform at the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Come and bring your friends. Refreshments will be served. Cost is $2.50 for members, $3, guests.

**Beth Tzedec Friendship Club** will not meet on Dec. 24 or 31. Meetings will resume in January.

**CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING**

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Singles Friendship Circle (men and women) gathers next in the music room at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Dec. 19, for a Baking Demonstration. For further information call **Norma Steiner,** 225-2112.

Here's a great opportunity! Entry forms are available at the desk for the Talent Show and Competition to take place on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 2 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the best performances. If you aren't onstage, come out and cheer your friends.

### at the jcc

JCC Northern Branch Community and Family Services department, is offering a winter break program, Winterlude 85-86, for children ages 4 to 10 years. It begins Monday, Dec. 23 and continues to Jan. 3. A wide variety of activities, plus afternoon outings and special events, are planned.

Don't let your youngsters miss this wonderful way to spend winter break. Space is limited. For details call **Elizabeth Sokolsky,** 636-1880.

## About People

**SAJAC EXECUTIVE**

New executive committee for the South African Jewish Association of Canada (SAJAC) includes **Gerald Berley, Sybil Berley, Pauline Berman, Ethel Lifschitz, Thea Abramson, Abe Abramson, Charlotte Sasto, Pearl Payne, Blanche Rudnick** and **Benny Kanowitz.**

**LOEB IS GALLERY TRUSTEE**

**Blanche S. Loeb** of Toronto, has been appointed to a 3-year term on the board of trustees for the Art Gallery of Ontario.

Loeb, who holds an MA from the University of Ottawa, is a member of the University Women's Club, the Canada Israel Committee, a life member of B'nai B'rith and of ORT, and a member of Hadassah. She is the mother of TV personality **Naomi Loeb** and **Diane Loeb,** who is with the Canadian Opera Company.

**B'NAI SHALOM NORTH EXECUTIVE**

B'nai Shalom North Congregation of Thornhill welcomes its 1985/86 board of directors.

President is **William Friedman;** 1st vice-president, **Wayne Novak;** 2nd vice-president, **David Pomer;** 3rd vice-president,**Murray Melodick;** secretary, **Jack Gruszecki;** treasurer, **Danny Ostroff;** founding member, **Rabbi Solomon Domb;** founding member,**Sadie Domb;** member, **Irvin Salson;** member, **David Friedman;** member, **Enio Zeppieri** and member, **Harry Boom.**

The congregation, which is located at 275 Bathurst St. (corner of Arnold Ave.), welcomes new families and invites them to participate in its services and many programs. For more information call the synagogue office, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 731-2797.

*ALL SMILES*

**Attending the recent 7th annual meeting of the Israel Cancer Research Fund are (left to right) Margie Goldhar, Toronto co-chairman; Dr. Michael A. Baker, director of the oncology program at Toronto General Hospital and member of the scientific advisory board of the Israel Cancer Research Fund; Pearl Greenbaum, Toronto executive director and Dr. Phil Gold, physician-in-chief, Montreal General Hospital and recipient of the Israel Cancer Research Fund Tower of Hope award.**

# Conservative women "de-sex" Shabbat manual

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

The New York City-based Women's League for Conservative Judaism has updated its Shabbat manual to describe in more non-sexist terms the basics of Sabbath observances at home and at synagogue.

**The new fifth edition of the manual will soon be available to the 14,000 members of the league's Ontario branch, says Ontario president Sheila Simmons.**

**According to the league's education director, it's high time that Conservative Judaism "set down on paper the fact that we realize times are changing."**

**Edya Arzt told The CJN in a telephone interview that Conservative Judaism has long recognized the fact that the traditional family unit is not as prominent among Jews as it was once was.**

**"Traditional Judaism tells us that the mother lights the (Sabbath) candles and the father says the Kiddush," Arzt said. "Does that mean if there is no mother, there are no candles, or if there is no father, there are no blessings?"**

**In the manual, she explained, stereotyped gender roles have been eased.**

**It's perfectly alright, says the handbook, for a father to light candles and recite the blessing, or for a mother to say Kiddush over the wine and to chant the Hamotzi and the Birkat Hamazon (blessings before and after the meal).**

"We've never had so many single-parent families, blended families and divorces as we have today," Arzt pointed out. "I think Judaism has always tried to conform while not abandoning its basic tenets. Its application has changed over the years."

It's more important for the Sabbath to be observed and maintained than it is to set out who is doing what, she noted.

"This is nothing new. We haven't revolutionalized anything. It's not a new approach to Judaism—we've just never gotten around to saying this."

However, the manual doesn't stray too far from traditional sex roles. It does stress that it is the mother who is "given the honor" of ushering in the Sabbath and that she "sees to it" that the house is clean, that a meal is cooked and that children are dressed in their "company best."

The revisions in the manual reflect the proliferation of 2-career families, Arzt stressed, and resolves issues with non-sexist vocabulary.

For instance, the guide's introduction emphasizes that the word "he" in the text is "not to denote a particular sex, but rather (is used) in the generic sense."

**Toronto Conservative Rabbi Joseph Kelman of the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue welcomes the manual.**

**"It's a good thing, but not startling. Shabbat isn't sexist. In fact, Judaism tells us that where there is no father, a woman is obliged to make a Kiddush," Kelman said.**

**The manual also has sections on planning an Oneg Shabbat, menus and recipes for Shabbat meals, games for children and answers to questions about Shabbat observances.**

**It's available for $3 from any Conservative synagogue's sisterhood.**

*AN APPLE A DAY*

**Andrew Bloom (left), Sharon Martell and Shawn Langer, take time out from some library research to admire the new Associated Hebrew Schools' sweatshirt. A project of the Parents' Association, under the direction of Bryna Bloom, the shirts are available in gray, white, yellow and powder blue, priced at $11 for a child's shirt, $14 for an adult's shirt. All sales are by order only, and orders can be made at any branch of the school or by phoning Bryna Bloom at 483-5015, or Marlene Porepa at 491-0057. Proceeds will help the school.**

# Organizations and People

## Common misconceptions plucked

# A kosher chicken can't be just any old chicken

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Are kosher chickens really different?

"Yes," says Harry Geedey, the sales manager of Empire Kosher Foods Inc., one of the leaders in the kosher chicken business for more than 45 years.

From his Mifflintown, Pa., head office, Geedey says Empire receives many calls and letters from people asking about kashruth and why a kosher chicken is different from other chickens.

**He says that one of the most common misconceptions about poultry is that "a chicken is a chicken," and the only difference between a kosher bird and a non-kosher one is processing. Although extra care in processing is an important part of the kosher food story, when it comes to poultry, he says, there is more to it.**

"Also important is the extra care taken in breeding, hatching, growing and feeding. And many people ask me if any chicken can be made into a kosher chicken," says Geedey.

"Definitely not," he answers without hesitation. "Not without tremendous problems in getting the chicken clean and bruise free."

**Geedey explains that over the past few decades, breeders throughout the world have developed faster growing birds — birds that have larger breasts but smaller legs and wings. "Although the new breeds of birds are very attractive financially," he adds, "they are not acceptable at Empire."**

Geedey says the fast growing breeds of broilers have a marked tendency to gain excessive fat. And because the legs and wings are smaller and weaker, they easily develop tissue and tendon tears.

"These fast growing breeds lead to bruising and excessive moisture and fat which can be seen in the bottom of the cooking pan."

For this reason, says Geedey, Empire has not switched to faster growing chickens. "Tremendous savings could be realized if we switched to faster growing breeds, but they would not have the natural savory taste that the quick growing chickens cannot duplicate."

**Geedey says that Empire's founder, Joe Katz, set down the policy "make the best, not the cheapest" and Empire has lived up to his legacy of providing chickens without the leg bruises and the excess inedible fat of the fast growing chicken breeds.**

Empire products are under the kashruth supervision of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregation of America (OU).

# Holland meet to hear execs from Baycrest

TORONTO —

Stephen Rudin and Evelyn Wexler, two senior officials of the Baycrest Centre, are to present papers and share their experience at an international symposium on long-term health care to take place in the Netherlands next month.

Stephen Rudin

Rudin and Wexler will attend the International Work Group on Quality of Long-Term Care Jan. 12-16 in Utrecht, sponsored by the Kellogg International Program on Health and Michigan of the University of Michigan's school of social work.

**Rudin, executive director of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, will present a paper on The Role of the Chief Executive Officer in Quality Assurance in a Long-Term Setting.**

**Rudin has been executive director of Baycrest Centre since 1980 and for 10 years prior was administrator of Baycrest Hospital.**

Wexler, director of nursing at Baycrest Terrace, a minimal care residence for seniors, has been invited to the conference to represent nurses in long-term health care. She will be the only nurse in attendance.

The theme of the paper she will submit is the emerging leadership role of gerontological nursing with specific emphasis on the importance of nursing assessment.

Baycrest Centre, located in North York, comprises five facilities that provide varying levels of care for elderly and chronically ill persons.

# *Veterans assembly*

MONTREAL —

The fourth World Assembly of Jewish War Veterans will take place in Jerusalem Feb. 23-27. At least 400 Jewish ex-servicemen from North America, Europe, South Africa and Australia are expected to attend.

The program includes addresses by Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, president Chaim Herzog, member of the Knesset Abba Eban and Leon Dulzin, chairman of the Jewish Agency. The Laromme Hotel will be the main site of the assembly.

## *Project of NCJW*

# Emergency banner brings help

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Stranded alone on a remote road late at night is everyone's nightmare. Fortunately, however, help does not have to be far away with a new device that enables stranded motorists to summon aid without having to leave the safety of their car.

The Highway Emergency Banner has the words "Call Police" printed in large highly visible fluorescent letters and can be easily secured to a car's front and rear window. A public service project of the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, the Highway Emergency Banner has been approved by Metro Toronto and the Ontario Provincial Police.

**Betty Stone, executive director of National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section, told The CJN that the banner originated in the United States where it has been very successful.**

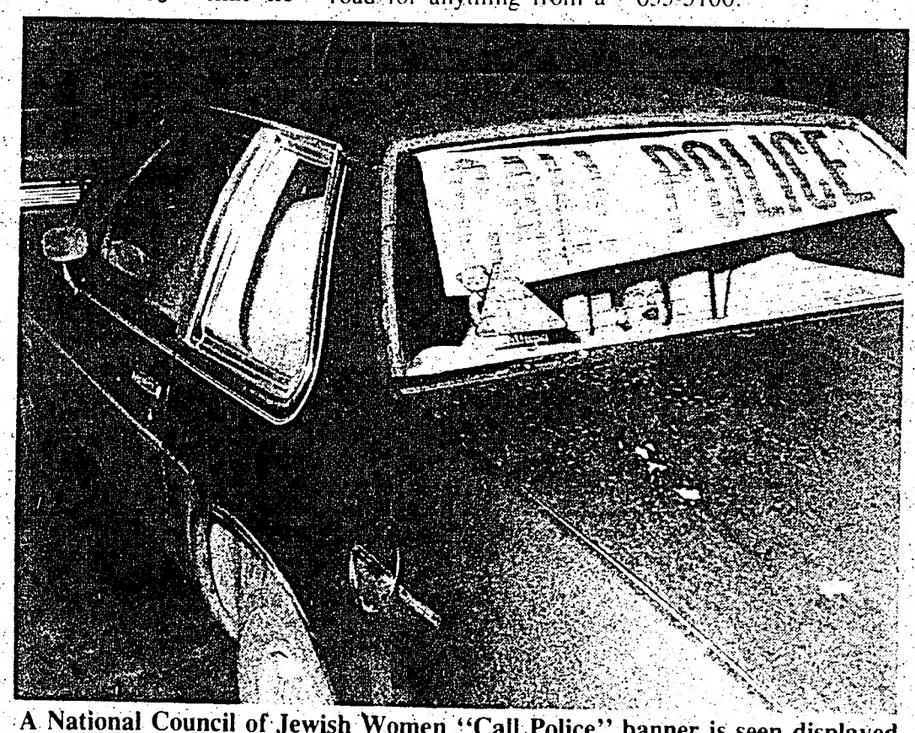
"It just began in Toronto a month ago but we expect the same success here," said Stone, adding that everyone will feel much more secure driving alone if they know they can mount this in their car should they need help.

"Imagine how much safer it is to wait for help in the safety of your car, rather than having to summon other cars or walk to a telephone," Stone said.

**Metro Toronto Police Staff Supt. Donald Banks told The CJN that he thinks the banners are "very worthy for someone on a dark road with no telephone in sight." He added, however, that on busy city streets motorists are best off walking to a nearby telephone.**

"We certainly endorse it though, on a dark lonely road for anything from a flat tire to complete vehicle breakdown," Banks said.

The banners, which have been packaged by sheltered workshops can be ordered for $5.50 through the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section, 4700 Bathurst St., Toronto M2R 1W8, 633-5100.




**A National Council of Jewish Women "Call Police" banner is seen displayed in reporter Carolyn Blackman's car — but her daughter Jennifer seems to be making her own call. [Graphic Artists photo]**

# *HAPPY BIRTHDAY*

**Students at United Synagogue Day School hold a birthday cake in celebration of the recent 25th anniversary of USDS. The milestone was marked with programs at both the Bathurst and Bayview branches of the school. [David Smiley photo]**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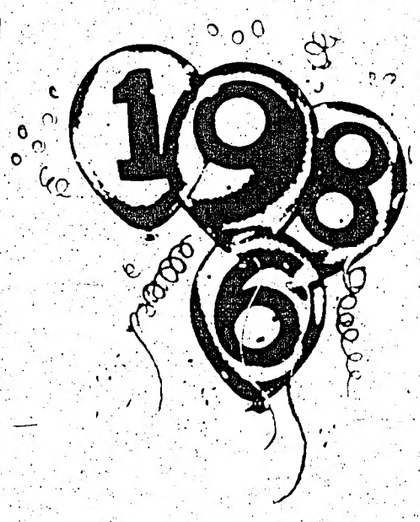

## Organizations and People

Chairman Jack Gwartz (3rd from left) is seen here at UJA closing breakfast with recipients of the UJA Special Service Awards. From left: Dr. Harry Krakowsky, Marvin Geist, Gwartz, Lloyd Fogler, Aaron Brotman, Linda Kahn and Marty Goldberg.

# UJA pledges show a solid increase over last year

**TORONTO —**

The 1986 United Jewish Appeal campaign has amassed 27,000 pledges to date resulting in a 16.1% increase in dollar totals over last year's campaign.

That was the good news announced at last week's campaign closing breakfast by UJA chairman Jack Gwartz — news that was loudly applauded by 200 campaign-committed members of the top leadership and key canvassers who were in attendance.

Other speakers during the morning included Campaign Vice-Chairman Max Handelman, Advance Gifts Chairman Gerry Sheff, Women's Division Chairman Anne Handelman, and Jerry Shear, speaking on behalf of the UJA Past Chairmen's Committee.

**During his turn, Shear announced the selection of Max Handelman and Adrienne Offman as joint chairmen for the 1987 UJA campaign, which will commence next August.**

Also on the agenda was the announcement of a series of UJA Awards of Special Recognition in connection with the 1986 campaign.

Heading the list of recipients was Gerry Sheff, who achieved the distinction of being named UJA's Man of the Year.

Six members of the campaign top leadership received UJA Special Service Awards: Aaron Brotman, Lloyd Fogler, Marvin Geist, Marty Goldberg, Linda Kahn, and Dr. Harry Krakowsky.

Recipients of UJA's Exemplary Leadership Award included: Les Aaron, Dr. Scarlat Albright, Dr. Dennis Bader, Billy Berger, Harry Binder, Hy Binstock, David Blank, Paul Brownstein, Phil Droznika, Barry Edson, Rebecca Egier, Shila Engel, Dr. Eric Ginsberg, Anne Handelman, Allen Karp, Charles Kasner, Carol Kassel, Dr. Allan Katchky, Bobby Katz, Dr. Joel Kirsh;

Dr. Russell Leve, Frank Levine, Harold Malitzky, Sid Menkis, Mathew Moyal, Penny Offman, Matthew Orzech, Carolyn Posen, Nelson Reuben, Harvey Rosen, Gella Rothstein, Paul Rothstein;

Judy Scheininger, Larry Shapiro, Dr. Brian Silver, Shirley Sobel, Ethel Solomon, Joan Stevens, Dr. Elaine Todres, Dr. Leslie Train, Alan Weiner, David West, Rabbi Irwin Witty, Henry Yoscovich, Debbie Zagdanski, Jerry Ziendenberg and Dr. Harvey Zimmerman.

The UJA Canvasser of the Year Award was presented to David Green.

# *Jewish education subject of meeting*

By PAUL LUNGEN

**TORONTO —**

Representatives of major Toronto Jewish organizations met recently with spokesmen of the Jewish Welfare Board to exchange ideas on promoting informal Jewish education at community centres.

Leonard Rochwarger and Arthur Rotman of the JWB, the leadership network and central service agency for 275 JCCs, YM-YWHAs and camps in the U.S. and Canada, discussed a 2-year study sponsored by JWB, which investigated ways unaffiliated Jews could be encouraged to become part of the Jewish mainstream.

The local Jewish Community Centre leadership picked up some ideas from the meeting and explained programs developed here, JCC executive director Paul Brownstein told The CJN.

"We got a feeling about what other communities are doing," he said, pointing to the Chicago community's "tremendous" programs as an example.

(In Chicago a rabbi has been hired full-time to work at the the community centre to help develop programs and instil Jewish content in existing programs. Unfortunately, cost problems make adopting that approach difficult at the Toronto JCC, Brownstein said.)

**Most JCC officers were present, he said, including Bernard Kamin, president, and Wilfred Posluns, past president, while Toronto Jewish Congress representatives included Ronald Appleby, president, Steven Ain, executive director, Yitz Feldman, while the Board of Jewish Education's representatives included Yale Brym, while the rabbinate's representation included Rabbi Joseph Kelman.**

Congress and the BJE were present to "see if the community is satisfied with JCC activities" and for the JCC to gauge community reactions, Brownstein said.

Leonard Rochwarger

**The goal of JCC Jewish educational programs is not to duplicate the adult-education programs offered by synagogues or substitute for the basic Jewish education offered in day schools and elsewhere, Brownstein said. Rather, its purpose is to create a Jewish environment for JCC members and guests.**

"The JCC attracts more non-affiliated Jews than other organizations," Brownstein said, and it provides "a non-threatening environment."

By planning programs to instil a Jewish aspect — whether it's naming house league basketball teams after biblical figures or placing a chanukiah in the men's health club — visitors will know they are in a Jewish environment and feel comfortable in it, he said.

Noting that it's only been in the last two or three years that the JCC has been offering programming that has both a Jewish and family atmosphere, Brownstein said "we can help implant in a family that they're Jewish."

Rochwarger, a JWB vice-president and past president of the Jewish Centre of Greater Buffalo, outlined the findings of the JWB study. The study found that while JCCs and YM-YWHAs are part of a Jewish educational network, they are distinctive because they have the ability to appeal to all segments of the Jewish community.

Among the study's topics and recommendations are: clarifying the JCC Jewish education mission; enhancing professional staff competence and commitment; enhancing community awareness; inter-agency cooperation; and funding.

**Brownstein told The CJN "the start of all programming begins with staff. If they're comfortable with their own Jewishness," then programs with a Jewish content will be offered. Continuing education of staff is one of the JCC's approaches to creating a Jewish environment at its branches, he said.**

Other aspects of JCC programs include having nursery school kids lighting Shabbes candles every week and playing appropriate music and offering traditional foods during Jewish holidays, such as latkes at Chanukah and honey and apples at Rosh Hashanah.

Findings arising out of the visits of JWB spokesmen to 20 selected communities across the continent, will be aired at the 1986 JWB Biennial Convention, scheduled for April 9-13 in Toronto.

# *Hebrew U president concerned over cuts*

**JERUSALEM —**

Continued cuts in government funding to higher education in Israel pose a real danger to the future development of the country's "human capital," Hebrew University of Jerusalem President Don Patinkin warned recently.

Over the past decade, the government has continually cut the budget for higher education, while in truth just the opposite should have been the case, Patinkin said.

"Since Israel's only natural resource is its human capital, there is no question that the government is mortgaging the future of the nation by cutting funding for higher education," he said.

Israel has much to be proud of in its achievements in higher education, but, Patinkin said, "There is no doubt that in recent years the potential of the universities to fulfil their role in Israel's security and economy has been impaired in teaching and particularly in research; not just in the sciences, but also in the humanities and social sciences."

Don Patinkin

At the Hebrew University, these cuts have resulted in staff reductions as well as cuts in providing new scientific equipment and even in making full use of existing equipment.

Dozens of academic positions, mainly those of teaching assistants and young researchers, have not been filled this year because of budgetary cuts. This is in addition to cuts that have already been made in previous years. The result is fewer and larger laboratory classes and hindered development of young researchers, he said.

"Once you start reducing the level of higher education, it is difficult to reverse the trend," Patinkin said. "Those young researchers we are now losing are precisely those who should be guaranteeing the maintenance of our high level of instruction and research in the future."


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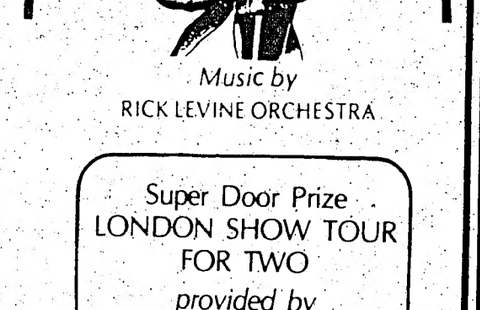


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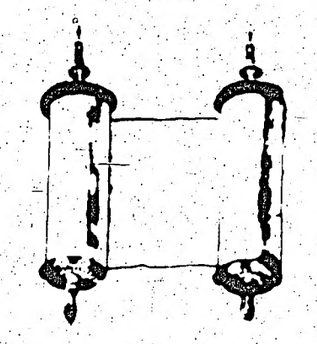

## sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

**Parshat Vayigash.**

We make our own world. When we love, the world is full of love. When we hate, the world is full of haters.

A wife visited her husband in his office and found him furious. He had just received a letter from their son, asking for money.

"Read this!" he fumed, "listen to the arrogance, the chutzpah of his demands!"

The mother took the letter in hand and started reading. Suddenly the letter changed. In her hands, in her gentle voice, the letter turned into a heartfelt plea: "Dad, help!"

The father's heart softened. The same words — but it was a different letter.

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What a wonderful world it is out there. People want to reach out. We just have to give them a chance!

Consider . . . the parsha describes the dramatic confrontation between Judah and his brother Joseph, the prime minister of Egypt.

Joseph had taken his young brother Benjamin hostage, to test if the brothers regretted selling him into slavery.

Vayigash eliuy Yehudah . . . Judah approached Joseph and roared: "Let your servant please speak a word into the ears of my master — for you are like Pharaoh!"

What did Judah mean — "you are like Pharaoh"? Explains Rashi: It was a compliment — you are as important to me as Pharaoh himself!

It was a complaint — just like Pharaoh doesn't keep his word, you don't keep your word!

It was a warning — I'll kill you and Pharaoh together!

How did Joseph understand the words? Judah wasn't sure. He approached Joseph and said — "let me speak a word in the ear of my master!"

Up to now, whatever Judah spoke was in Hebrew, and translated by an interpreter to Joseph. But who knows what the interpreter was saying? Who knows how he was expressing himself? What feeling? What harshness? What sarcastic nuance? What lifted eyebrow? What body language?

Judah urged: "Bi'auznei adonee!" Let me speak **myself** into the ears of my master — right to you! No interpreter. No middleman! No misunderstanding.

There are few bad people in the world. Most of us are just trying to get by, to survive. Sometimes we hurt each other accidentally, sometimes we hurt ourselves. We take words, innocent, harmless words — and misinterpret!

We have a little middleman — in our own hearts. Our own fears, our own insecurities, our own hangups — and we lay them on others.

How can we overcome ourselves? By ahavat cheenam — loving, caring for each other and trusting.

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Language is confusing. A newly arrived Russian Jew was asked how his English was progressing. "Fine," he exclaimed, "and I'll show you." He pointed to his knees. "Knees!" His hands: "Hands!" At his eyes: "Eyes!"

The person who asked him was impressed. "How did you learn so fast?"

The Russian Jew tapped his forehead: "Kidneys!"

Shabbat Shalom.

*Power, ethics to be examined*

# Temple Educators plan conference

**TORONTO —**

More than 200 Jewish educators from Canada and the United States are expected to attend the 31st annual conference on the National Association of Temple Educators here Dec. 25-29 at the Westin Hotel.

The association, established to provide professional development opportunities for educators of Reform Judaism entitled this year's conference Morality and Authority in Jewish Education.

**The conference will examine issues of power (who has the power in our schools, board rooms and classrooms?) and ethics (what are the moral responsibilities upon those who have power?).**

The keynote speaker will be David Nyberg, professor of educational philosophy at State University of New York in Buffalo, and author of Power Over Power, one of the first major works to address these issues. The questions raised will be examined throughout the conference in study and professional development sessions.

Participants will also look at related questions as they apply to morality and authority of governments and, in particular, the governments of Israel and Canada. The speakers in these areas will include Rabbi Michael Stroh, President of KADIMA, Canadian Council of Reform Zionists and Bob Rae, leader of the New Democratic Party of Ontario.

**In addition, conference chairman, Rabbi Daniel Gottlieb, and committee members Yael Brym, Rabbi Steve Garten, Marlene Myerson, Sandy Raben and Joy Wasserman, have put together a program of professional development, featuring a large number of association members sharing their areas of expertise, as well as a special set of workshops on the teaching of Israel, to be offered by the faculty of Hebrew Union College.**

Text study sessions will be led by Dr. Michael Brown, Rabbi Lawrence Englander, Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, Rabbi Martin Locksmith, Danny Siegel and Prof. Harold Troper.

Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education, will be among several guests to welcome the Reform educators, organizers have announced.

The conference will feature the inaugural presentation of the Reform Jewish Educator title to colleagues who have established the highest standards of academic training and professional experience.

Olim Shelanu

# *Olim face housing problem*

## Launched Epstein's career

By
DAVID BIRKAN

**JERUSALEM —**

The biggest problem facing olim is housing, according to **Rhona** and **Joey Epstein.** "If you don't find the right home in the right area, you could ruin your aliya," they say.

Syracuse-born Joey Epstein is an expert in the subject of housing. In the six years since they made aliya, he has gone from homebuyer to the principal partner in one of Jerusalem's largest development companies, the Neve Shmuel Development Group.

**He is in the midst of completing a tract of 120 villot (detached houses) and cottagim (townhouses) in Ramot, a northern suburb of Jerusalem. The 4- to 5-bedroom homes range in price from US$110,000-$170,000. About 80% of them have been sold already, he said.**

"If you decide to purchase a home before you move to Israel, don't buy anything while you are still in Canada," adds Epstein. "Take a trip here to see exactly what you are buying. And have someone you trust who is familiar with the scene advise you or keep an eye on the building as it progresses."

The Epsteins were married in Toronto in 1977 at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation by **Rabbi Meyer Berglas,** who was in the process of preparing for his own imminent aliya. Rhona, who did not have to change her last name, is the daughter of **Harry** and **Faye Epstein** of Toronto.

They originally met in New York City, introduced to each other by Toronto's **Kurt Rothschild** and Montreal's **Rabbi Herbert Dobrinsky,** a former spiritual leader of the Halifax community.

The Epsteins have four children, ranging in age from 1½ to 7½ years — **David Zvi, Yaakov, Dina** and **Rachel.** They live in the predominantly religious west Jerusalem suburb of Har Nof, in the apartment they bought as part of a group purchase with a dozen other families in 1980.

That purchase launched Joey Epstein's career.

"There was some kind of chemistry between the contractor and me," Epstein said. "We decided to see if things would continue going that well." With one group after another, they managed to sell 150 units in the area.

**The chemistry was undoubtedly enhanced by his professional expertise as an MPPA, a Master's degree in public and private administration from Yale University. He took the course, in New Haven, Conn., after getting married. At the same time, Rhona, a York University graduate, took her Master's there in early childhood education.**

**Joey Epstein previously earned his simcha (rabbinic ordination) and a master's in Jewish history from Yeshiva University.**

**While Rhona drops into the office from time to time, her part-time career is that of music teacher. She has organized choirs at a couple of religious girls' schools, and gives private lessons in the chalil, recorder, at her home.**

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**A correction:** In the last column, this reporter wrote that his wife was earning a dollar and change per classroom hour teaching English part-time at a senior public school, after being taxed 50% of her salary.

**She has since learned that there was a mistake, an error of omission. Apparently, she failed to fill out a form she didn't know about at the beginning of the school year attesting that her teaching was her one and only job. She was being taxed at a second-job rate.**

She should have been taxed at closer to 25%, netting a little over $2 per classroom hour.

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Things are much more on a first-name basis here than in Canada, even in business or government procedures. This can be of advantage to a hesistant oleh encountering aggressive receptionists answering the phone and demanding to know who is speaking before they transfer you to the desired party.

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# *Family key to researcher*

**WASHINGTON (JTA) —**

Dr. Steven Rosenberg, head of the research team at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md., credited with a major breakthrough in the treatment of malignant tumors, had an Orthodox Jewish upbringing in The Bronx and is a member, with his wife Alice, of Beth-El Synagogue, a Conservative congregation in Bethesda, where the oldest of his three daughters, Beth, was bat mitzvah last year.

Rosenberg's parents, Abraham and Harriet Rosenberg, have been residents of Israel for the past 12 years. They are 86 and 80 years of age, respectively, and see their son on his frequent visits to Israel, at least once a year. These trips have kept the familial bond intact despite the distance separating parents and son, Rosenberg told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in a telephone interview.

**He came to media prominence last summer as spokesman for the medical team that operated on President Reagan for cancer of the colon. He broke into news again when the institute announced dramatic results achieved by using genetically engineered protein to kill cancer cells.**

The process, which is complex and still in the experimental stage, is based on enhancing the body's immune system so that it produces "killer cells" which attack some forms of cancer.

The institute announced Dec. 4 that Rosenberg's technique had achieved a remarkable rate of success, reducing by over 50% the size of tumors in 11 of 25 patients with terminal cancer. The patients were too far gone to respond to radiation, chemotherapy or surgery. In the case of one, all traces of cancer were eliminated.


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# Organizations and People

## To deal with their affairs

# Senior citizens' group wants ministry set up

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

The provincial government should establish a ministry to deal with the affairs of Ontario's senior population and improve assistance to enable them to carry on an independent existence, says a brief to the government from the United Senior Citizens of Ontario.

The brief makes a number of proposals in the areas of health, pensions, housing and consumer affairs for the government to consider in both the short and long term.

**As well as recommending an end to extra billing by doctors, which Premier David Peterson's government is committed to implementing, the USCO brief urges the expansion of home care and support services to every senior citizen when needed and calls for a full public enquiry into the operation of nursing homes.**

In the area of pensions and income supplementation, the brief urges the government to adopt policies to ensure that no one is forced to live in old age below the poverty line.

Criticizing employer pension plans, the brief proposes a number of changes, including:

• Mandatory inflation protection in all private pension plans which will benefit both present and future retirees and their survivors.

• Mandatory representation on the pension plan's board of management by active plan members, retired members and appropriate union representatives.

• **Mandatory disclosure to all members of pension fund investment and disbursement of earnings.**

• **Making company sponsored plans subject to collective bargaining where appropriate.**

• Full protection of pension plans by law when a company goes bankrupt to ensure fairness.

• Provincial and federal legislation governing employer pension plans guarantee proper protection in regard to vesting, portability, women's equality, indexation and survivors benefits.

The brief also calls on the government to reestablish low mortgage plans for non-profit senior citizens housing and rent controls on all properties with increases never exceeding the rate of inflation.

**In the domain of consumer issues the group recommends:**

• **Universal access to personal telephone service.**

• **A public advocate to guard consumer interests before commissions and boards concerned with increased cost of consumer items.**

• Improved access to public transit for the disabled and elderly.

• Abandonment of the present ad valorem tax to be replaced by an equitable tax on all petroleum products. (Provincial treasurer Robert Nixon's recently withdrew his budget proposal to replace the ad valorem gas tax with a flat tax after opposition parties indicated they would not support the tax change.)

## *Winter camp for kids*

# Holiday activities planned for everyone

TORONTO —

There are activities galore for those from 8 to 45 this holdiay season at Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre in Parry Sound, Ont.

**John Bernstein, executive director of the Jewish Camp Council, which operates the centre, said that a number of activities have been planned at the conference centre for the holiday season, including a winter camp for kids from 8 to 16 from Dec. 22-29 and B'nai Akiva for teens 15-17 from Dec. 24-29.**

**The latter will bring together youth from Toronto and Montreal, he said.**

A New Year's celebration is also being planned from Dec. 29-Jan. 1 for singles between the ages of 25 and 45.

As well as the number of groups heading north to the resort for the holidays, Bernstein said the lodge draws a number of congregations and groups — from children to senior citizens — year-round.

Bernstein said the northern resort facility boasts a hotel-like setting on 22 acres of land and gourmet food prepared under the supervision of the Canadian Jewish Congress Kashruth Division.

The resort also features a wide variety of winter and summer sports, such as cross-country skiing, ice hockey, skating, snowshoeing, tobogganing, hiking, swimming, waterskiing, sailing, canoeing and tennis.

Bernstein said the year-round resource facility allows people to enjoy a holiday while giving them a chance to get to know one another better at conferences.

The main lodge can accommodate 61 people in 30 bedrooms with twin beds. Social gatherings and workshops can be conducted in lounges and enclosed porches.

Two smaller lodges, which can accommodate 60 guests, provide a total winter capacity of 120 and summer capacity of 175.

The centre is a 2-hour drive from Toronto, north on Hwy. 400 to Hwy. 69 (joins 400), right on Hwy. 141 to Tally Ho Rd., left to the centre.

**For further information on Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre call 964-8842.**

It was standing room only at North York City Hall for the annual pre-Chanukah celebration, and the interested onlookers were treated to everything from drama to song to dance marking the Festival of Lights.

# The Festival of Lights draws a large crowd

NORTH YORK —

More than 300 interested spectators crowded into the rotunda of the city hall to usher in the Festival of Lights at the annual pre-Chanukah celebration.

Sponsored by the city and coordinated by the Northeast Valley Branch of the Jewish Community Centre, the celebration featured a variety of performers and a variety of performances.

Rabbi Meir Gottesman acted as MC for the evening and explained the history and significance of Chanukah to the assembly.

**Bialik music teacher Yitzhak Argaman played guitar and sang songs throughout the program, and the Bialik Hebrew Day School Dance Group performed Israeli folk-dancing in costumes.**

Students of Associated Hebrew Day Schools (grade 4) and the Tehila Choir sang, and the Leo Baeck Day School Drama Group performed the story of the Maccabees and the Miracle of Chanukah.

So as not to allow the younger crowd to have all the fun, seniors from the Wagman Centre, wearing period costume, sang songs under the direction of Nathan Garnick.

**The festivities closed with a rondo by students of the United Synagogue Day School. Each child marched onto the stage carrying a glowing flourescent stick from different directions, and when all had assembled the national anthems of Canada and Israel were sung.**

Addresses from Mayor Mel Lastman, Controller Norm Gardiner and Milton Lecker, chairman of the JCC Northeast Valley branch brought an official welcome to all the guests.

Jodi Sherman, administrative assistant to the program coordinator and director, exulted that there "were tons of kids, it was beautiful."

# *Toronto tries to get residents to clear snow*

By
SERGE TITTLEY

TORONTO —

Toronto has launched a $215,000 public relations campaign to get more city residents and businesses to clear snow and ice from their properties this winter.

City officials estimate that as many as 20% of the 600,000 taxpaying properties in the city fail to remove ice and snow from their sidewalks after heavy snowfalls. Bylaws stipulate that such impediments to pedestrian traffic must be removed within 12 hours of a storm.

To emphasize the importance of keeping public sidewalks passable, especially for senior citizens and the handicapped, the city is geared up for an information campaign featuring the slogan "Be Nice. Clear Your Ice."

**Mayor Art Eggleton says the campaign is necessary. "This is very important to seniors and the handicapped especially," he says, adding that their access to shopping and recreational facilities is often hampered by icy or snowbound sidewalks.**

David Bailey, director of general services in the city's public works department, says this is the first time Toronto has aimed a snow removal campaign at the public.

The campaign will air on Toronto radio and TV stations. "The commercials take a humorous, animated approach, featuring Ben Wicks, the well known cartoonist and broadcaster," Bailey explains. "They open with Wicks drowning the City of Toronto and eventually covering it in a sea of snow and ice. The Ben Wicks voice-over recommends we all help and shovel our way clear."

The commercials will air throughout the winter, and will be broadcast in Italian, Greek, Portuguese, Chinese, and French as well as in English.

Those who do not respond to the city's soft sell approach may get a shock on their next property tax bill. Bailey says the city charges $3.25 per metre to remove snow and ice. That comes to about $40 for a 25-foot sidewalk. But that may still go only part of the way in helping the city defray massive cleanup costs. Toronto paid $12 million for 17 snow clearings on its 1,700 kilometres of sidewalks last winter.

For his part, Ben Wicks told city hall reporters he hopes that large chain operations such as service stations, fast food restaurants, and pharmacies will display posters promoting the "Be Nice. Clear Your Ice" campaign.

**Seniors and physically-disabled persons are entitled to free snow removal from walks surrounding their properties, provided they apply to the city for the service. They can get an application form by calling city hall public works at 392-7768.**

# Toronto site of Truss death

TORONTO —

In last week's article on Motel Truss, the headline stated that the founding member of B'nai Shalom North Congregation in Thornhill died in Bridgetown, Barbados. In fact, Truss died in Toronto and was buried in Bridgetown.

At the funeral over 400 people from the Jewish community and all levels of government came out to pay their final respects at the Dover Convention Centre.

The Barbados government recently passed a resolution acknowledging Truss' contribution to Barbados.


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Tanya (left) and Renee receive gifts from clown Hersh Garnick of B'nai B'rith's Judea Lodge at a JF&CS Chanukah party. [Graphic Artists photo]

## *Foster children have fun*

# JF&CS party hit with kids

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Chanukah was made a lot happier for about 40 foster children and their families as they laughed, ate and sang at a holiday party last week given by the Jewish Family & Child Service.

The Chanukah party, held at Beth Tikvah Synagogue began with the lighting of a chanukiah and was followed by a lunch of potato latkes and kosher pizza and entertainment by clowns and a singer.

What made the party even more special for the foster children were the unique gifts hand-made for them by art students at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto.

**Barbara Salsberg, visual arts instructor at CHAT, told The CJN this is the second year that CHAT students have made gifts for the children, many of whom are handicapped.**

**"The students used zippers, buttons, bells and various textured and colored materials to create toys that are not only fun, but educational," Salsberg said.**

She added that the imaginative and original toys are designed to "develop eye/hand co-ordination, motor control and sensory stimulation as well as be huggable."

Salsberg explained that each student was given one foster child and was taught about his or her handicap. "They then created a toy that the child could enjoy," she said.

Toys were created for children with Down's syndrome and other physical and emotional handicaps.

**Salsberg said that one child who is unable to dress herself was given a doll with removable clothes to teach her how to dress. "Even the shoelaces come undone to try and teach the child how to do up shoes," she added.**

**She said that one student brought a pump with a tube attached. "She put the pump into a doll and when the doll is squeezed a favor pops out of its mouth," she explained.**

Another foster child was presented with the story of Chanukah in pictures and audio cassette.

"The students just loved what they did and put their hearts into it," Salsberg said.

Mark, 8, said at the party that "Chanukah is so much fun — so many presents and such good food."

# *Seniors' organization elects Orson president*

TORONTO —

**Belle Orson was elected president of the Association of Jewish Seniors when the organization chose its new executive for the next two years at its recent annual meeting.**

**Orson expressed her commitment to strengthen links between the association and seniors' groups within the Jewish general communities.**

Summarizing 1985's activities, outgoing president Dr. Arnold Iscove said that in the past year, the association has been in the vanguard of the seniors' movement, where it is working with other groups to assure that senior citizens have a purposeful, dignified and quality existence in their later years.

The other members of the executive are: vice-president, Jack Lutsky; secretary, Evelyn Katz; treasurer, Joe Lester; and officers, Al Brown, Eva Brownstone, Rae Fine, Dr. Arnold Iscove, Irma Kosinec, Jay Lipsey, Rose Lester, and Sara Shapero.

Belle Orson

# *Battle against racism pledged by Jelinek*

By
SERGE TITTLEY

TORONTO —

Otto Jelinek, minister of state for multiculturalism, last week pledged to continue fighting against racism and prejudice, and for equal treatment of all Canadians.

"I will not rest as a Canadian, as a minister, until all racism and prejudice are wiped off the face of the map forever," Jelinek told a large audience of representatives from multicultural groups and agencies gathered to celebrate International Human Rights Day in Toronto.

In a speech in which he frequently drew on his own experiences as a youthful immigrant from Czechoslovakia, Jelinek urged further efforts on the part of those present to press for just and equitable treatment for all Canadians.

"We must continue to work until all Canadians — no matter of what color, no matter of what religion — are treated fairly and equally as Canadian citizens," he said.

**The minister also read a message from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney which encourages the multicultural communities to maintain close contact with the federal government in order to "assure that new means are found to reinforce the practice of human rights in Canada."**

The audience applauded that part of the message which pointed out the recent House of Commons declaration bestowing honorary citizenship to Raoul Wallenberg (CJN Dec. 12). Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat in Hungary during the Second World War, saved thousands of Jews by issuing lifesaving documents permitting them to leave Nazi-controlled territory. He was arrested by Soviet troops in 1945 and is thought to have been in detention in the Soviet Union ever since.

## Sends clear message

Mulroney said that this gesture, coming on the 37th anniversary of the adoption by the United Nations of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, "seeks to bring the force of Canada's democratic institutions to bear on the conscience of another government.

"The joint resolution sends a clear message that Canada regards as unacceptable the detention and incarceration of individuals without due process of democratic law."

**In pursuit of such ideals, the Mulroney message says, Canada "has sought to impress upon the government of South Africa that the world will no longer tolerate the subjugation of a majority to the power of a minority." It also repeats Canada's threat, recently voiced at the UN, to sever relations with the Pretoria regime if improvements in South African race relations are not forthcoming.**

The Toronto gathering also marked the start of the UN's second decade of struggle against racism and discrimination and Jelinek called on the audience to "build on the success we have enjoyed in the past decade."

"We have made some important strides over the years but we have not yet reached the point where all Canadians enjoy equal rights. Those people most often denied their rights are unfortunately those who are noticeably different in appearance — what has come to be known as the 'visible minorities,'" the minister said.

Jelinek said the concerns of such minority groups were examined recently by a parliamentary committee. Its report, "Equality Now!", has a number of recommendations which, the minister said, his department is currently working to implement.


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## Organizations and People

# Six get Human Relations award from CCCJ

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — While assimilation has always been a problem for minorities, "the road to unity of heart, unity of purpose, unity of commitment to great causes . . . of peace and human rtights, does not lie in uniformity but in diversity," said one of the recipients of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews Human Relations award at the first CCCJ awards banquet held here.

In his response on behalf of the 1985 award recipients, the Most Reverend John Sherlock, Bishop of London, Ont., noted that whereas "assimilation has always been thought to be the road to equality, acceptance and success," particularly among the young, "the hope for genuine dialogue lies precisely in being ourselves and in wanting to meet the other precisely in his or her uniqueness and differences."

"You have proclaimed to the world," he told his fellow award recipients, "that Christians and Jews can affirm one another not only in their common spiritual heritage but in their differences and it is those very differences which make the dialogue possible, desirable and enriching."

The 1985 Human Relations award winers were Rabbi Bernard Baskin, of Temple Anshe Sholom, and widely known for his community work; Argue Martin, a Hamilton lawyer, former MPP and a former chancelor of McMaster University; Marnie Paikin, chairman of the Ontario Council on University Affairs, member of the executive committee of the CCCJ; John Shea, a founding trustee and past president of the Hamilton Tiger Cat Quarterback Club; past president of the United Way and active on several hospital boards; John Gavin Sheppard, vice-chairman of Dofasco and active in numerous community groups, and Sherlock, past president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and a member of the Education Commission of the Ontario Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In addition, Joyce Ralph, chairman of placement coordination service for the Victorian Order of Nurses executive committee, received the Good Servant Medal in recognition of commitment to her community.

About 300 guests attended the banquet in the ballroom of the new Sheraton Hamilton Hotel but while it was the first CCCJ dinner to be held here, president Victor Goldbloom reminded the assembly that the winners were not the first Hamiltonians to be inscribed on the honor roll.

Those previously honored include Emilke Dubois, the late Ken Soble, Max Enkin (whom Goldbloom greeted "with particular affection because he is our honorary chairman"), the late B. M. Scully, J. Peter Gordon, chairman of Stelco, who acted as dinner chairman and Ellen Fairclough, a former federal cabinet minister, who shared in the presentation of awards with Goldbloom.

Speaking briefly before the start of the dinner because she had to rush back to Queen's Park, Lily Munro, MPP for Hamilton East and minister of citizenship and culture, brought greetings from Premier David Peterson and the government of Ontario.

She told the honorees they are "one more shining example of Hamiltonians and Ontarians who dare to care," adding that "as an educator, I am acutely aware of people learning by example . . . and your example are a guiding light."

The CCCJ is by intention a low key, low profile organization, noted Goldbloom in his remarks. The essence of what the council does, he said, is education but "our work is not involved with debating with extremists, hatemongers and people whose minds are closed and made up" but in working with those who teach "and with people of godwill everywhere who are capable of carrying the message and serving as models."


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# Organizations and People

## Met with Refuseniks

# *Maclean's editor optimistic about Soviet Jews*

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

A prediction that "mildly better relations" between U.S. and Russia will result in a slight rise in the number of Jews allowed to leave the Soviet Union was made here recently by Michael Posner, foreign editor of Maclean's Magazine.

Posner told a meeting at Beth Tzedec Synagogue marking International Human Rights Day that his "very qualified optimism" led him to make such a prediction.

"I am skeptical that the permitted emigration at 15,000 to 20,000 Jews a year will ever come about," he declared.

Nevertheless, he thinks Gorbachev will become a "defusenik" in trying to smooth relations between Russia and the U.S. and this should result in the number of Jews allowed to leave "to rise slightly."

"There will be a ferocious battle for public opinion in Western Europe between the two super powers," he said.

**Posner met with many Refuseniks on a recent visit to Russia and he drew a distressing picture of their plight. "They have ulcers, they are depressed, they stutter. They have lived for 10 to 15 years, the most creative period of their lives, in this condition. Most Refuseniks are scratching out a living as night watchmen, repair men and cleaning women. They are living day to day on the knife's edge."**

The meeting also heard a moving plea from Esther Markish, widow of the renowned Soviet Yiddish poet, Peretz Markish, to continue the fight on behalf of Russian Jews. Her husband, along with 23 other artists and writers, was murdered in the basement of Lubienka prison in Moscow Aug. 12, 1952, but his widow did not have this confirmed until three years later.

Mrs. Markish was hailed as the "first Refusenik" by Marsha Slavens, co-chairman of the Committee for Soviet Jewry, Canadian Jewish Congress, and the widow was described by Rabbi J. Benjamin Friedberg, of Beth Tzedec Synagogue, as "one of the heroines of the fight for Soviet Jews."

She told the meeting that when she finally heard the news about her husband's death, she gathered her sons around her in their Moscow apartment and said, "Come, let us turn the gas oven on." But her son David said, "I want to live," and her mother said, "You have your answer."

Mrs. Markish and her sons were allowed to leave Russia for Israel Nov. 6, 1972. Now living in a Tel Aviv suburb she declared: "Many are still waiting in Russia."

Posner, a native of Winnipeg, and a member of Beth Tzedec Synagogue, said Gorbachev's claim to Jesse Jackson at Geneva that Jews have a good life in Russia "is a model of Orwellian double-speak."

**There is almost no Jewish life in Russia, the Maclean's editor said. "Moscow has one synagogue for a quarter million Jews. In all of Russia there are only 50-60 synagogues for 3,000,000 Jews. There are no Hebrew schools, no youth groups, no adult education groups, no kosher food, no kosher butcher, no B'nai B'rith, no Hadassah, no book stores and no Jewish press to speak of.**

**"Jews lack candles to light their menorahs. I gave a package of yeast to a woman (it cost me 39 cents) and she was almost in tears as she thanked me because she would be able to bake a challah. That made a deep impression on me."**

Posner said there is no consensus among the Jews he met in Russia about whether prospects are promising under the new regime. "Some Jews regard some of the synagogue leaders as spies for the KGB. One of them wouldn't allow a wedding under a chupah in the synagogue because the authorities wouldn't like it."

*Militia watched dancing of hora*

Posner said he went to the Moscow synagogue on the eve of Rosh Hashanah. Inside most of those praying were elderly. But outside, he said, "in a gesture of defiance some 2,000 to 3,500 Jews were dancing the hora under the eyes of the militia. But, sadly, a lot of people were not dancing and not singing because they didn't know the words, even of Hatikvah."

Sharp at 10.30 p.m., he said, a man leading the dances took up a megaphone. "He called out, 'Jews, we must go to the subway,' and reluctantly we all left for the subway."

He said Russia will never permit mass emigration of Jews to Israel because if it did then Lithuanians, Latvians and Ukrainians would agitate to emigrate as well.

"Most disturbing of all is the fear that Jews will be the scapegoat for the failed harvests and the lack of consumer goods. It must be tempting for the Russians to direct the anger of the people against the Jews."

The latest ploy by Russia to discredit Refuseniks is to have the secret police hide narcotics in the homes of Hebrew teachers. This was the charge made by Bert Raphael, meeting chairman, and chairman of Canadian Lawyers and Jurists for Soviet Jewry, one of the meeting's sponsors.

Raphael said his organization had sent registered letters to dissidents in Russia which were returned undelivered. "We are claiming against Canada Post in this case and Canada Post will have to seek recompense from Russia. Each letter had the provocative message, 'Happy Chanukah.'"

Other sponsors of the meeting were B'nai B'rith Canada and Beth Tzedec Congregation.

# Proud parents, clicking cameras mark annual scholarship night

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

They were described as creative, persistent, responsible, enthusiastic, spunky and sensitive. And each one rated the flash from a camera held by a beaming parent recording the event.

The occasion was the recent 26th annual scholarship night sponsored by the Bathurst Heights Executive Lodge of B'nai B'rith Canada, held at Adath Israel Synagogue, coordinated by Jack Cahan, chairman of the scholarship evening.

The recipients were students from 10 schools under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education of North York, and students from She'arim Hebrew Day School, Ezra and Kadima Schools.

**"This is a gathering of Canadians of diverse origins," lodge president Bob Shapiro said to an audience composed of members from the Jewish, Black, East Asian and East Indian communities as well as guests of other ethnic and cultural backgrounds.**

**"We like to show how much we have in common," Shapiro added, saying that the students' parents and teachers "have acknowledged and accepted their responsibilities in a most exemplary manner."**

Acknowledging the presence of guests of honor, Les Luka, assistant counselor, counseling service of the North York Board of Education; Elmer Huff, formerly with the North York Board of Education and Jack Berryman, formerly with the Toronto Board of Education; Shapiro turned the presentations over to Morris Baker, chairman of the scholarship fund.

Baker explained that the awards recognizing excellence for the school year ending in June 1985. The B'nai B'rith has no part in the selection process, he said, and candidates are chosen by a committee of the North York Board of Education, or by the teachers and principals of the Jewish schools.

**Jack Cahan, chairman of the scholarship evening held by the Bathurst Heights Executive Lodge of B'nai B'rith, welcomes parents, students, and teachers to the awards presentation.**

"Our aim is developing the youth . . . giving them a start," said Baker who began the tradition in 1959. He introduced each student with accolades, and each student walked to the head table to receive the certificate of scholarship, a calculator-ruler, and a check for "twice chai" ($36).

Rabbi Joseph Kelman, a founder of She'arim, Ezra and Kadima, spoke of the importance of rewarding excellence, and the value of education.

It was appropriate to mark the value of scholarship at the time of Chanukah, Kelman said, because the Maccabees had fought to allow the Jews to learn despite opposition from their oppressors.

"The lights with which we celebrate Chanukah are similar to the light of learning," Kelman said.

To close the official ceremonies, a steel drum band from Jane Jr. High School — the Jane Junior High West Enders — belted out some joyous tunes.

The scholarship winners from She'arim Hebrew Day School (for children with learning disabilities) were: Jonathan Levy, Jason Katz, Yossi Skorecki, Aviva Cohen, Yasha Moshinski, and Moshe Naumann.

The recipients from Ezra School (for children with learning disabilities, slow learners, the perceptually handicapped and the emotionally disturbed) were: Seth Feldman, David Magerman, and Marshall Mednick.

And the award winners from Kadima School (for the mentally retarded) were: Jackie Domb, Allan Domb, Belva Cadesky, and Norman Chester.


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*Leader-in-training program*

# Teen sees elderly in different light at Baycrest

By
JORDANA HALPERN

TORONTO —

When Leah Pitch, a 13-year-old volunteer at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, stepped onto the 9th floor of the Jewish Home for the Aged (JHA), she was frightened by the sight of all the people sitting in wheelchairs. Her first thoughts were, "Does that really happen to people when they get old?"

A week later, her fears abated. Pitch was a regular visitor on the 9th floor, participating in Baycrest Centre's leader-in-training program. A component of the centre's teen volunteer (volunteen) program, the leader-in-training program is designed for teens who have an interest in developing one-to-one relationships with residents living on the 9th and 10th floor of the JHA. Because these are heavy nursing care floors, many of the residents have varying levels of physical disabilities, and may convey a frightening first impression.

"At first, I was scared of the residents," remembers Pitch. "But once I got to know them, I realized that they're people just like anyone else."

Baycrest Centre's volunteen program runs July through August. This past summer, 70 teens participated in the program, helping staff care for residents, patients and members, as well as accompanying them on summer outings.

**"The energy that the teens bring to the centre is contagious," says Jodi Medicoff, a group worker in the JHA. "Kids and the elderly just seem to go together. The teens are very intuitive, sensitive, outgoing and conscious of the residents' needs."**

Medicoff developed and supervised the leader-in-training program which involved each teen making a 1-month commitment to work on a one-to-one basis with four residents, all of whom were receiving care on the home's heavy care floor.

Because some residents on this floor may be cognitively impaired or forgetful, teens were prepared to expect residents not to remember their names or even events that occurred within the immediate past.

They were also warned that residents might not remember the hours they had spent going for walks, sitting and talking or spending time working on craft projects.

"What the residents do remember," says Medicoff, "are the good times they have with the teens. They associate their smiling faces with singing, laughing and fun."

Because this was the second summer the leader-in-training program was offered, participation was limited to three teens. However, for next summer's program, Medicoff would like to see more involved.

"Two months into the program we realized there was a love affair happening between the kids and the residents," says Medicoff. "Both the residents and teens just blossomed from the experience."

Sandra Paquette, volunteer coordinator, was also impressed by the positive changes she saw in both teens and residents over the summer.

"The residents have the ability to help build the teens' confidence," says Paquette. "They give them a lot of positive feedback at a stage in their lives where they need it."

And the teens return the good feelings. One example is Mrs. R., a resident who refused to bathe, paid little attention to dress and verbally abused staff and other residents.

During the summer, she developed a relationship with two teen girls and in an effort to impress them, began to pay more attention to herself, stopped swearing and became a happier person.

**Because previous teen programs have been so successful, a new winter program has been developed. Forty teens from the Associated Hebrew Schools have already signed up for Friendly Visiting, a program which matches teens and residents as "buddies."**

Volunteen Leah Pitch sits and chats with resident Dora Sassoon.

# *Rabbi outlines a path Conservatives must take*

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

Conservative Judaism will have to reach out to all who wish to embrace it to ensure its continued existence into the 21st century, says the president of the Rabbinical Assembly.

Rabbi Alexander Shapiro, leader of professional association of North American Conservative rabbis, said at the recent 2nd annual Rabbi Albert Pappenheim Memorial Lecture that the conditions which gave rise to the growth of Conservative Judaism no longer exist and that fundamental changes are taking place in the Orthodox and Reform movements which Conservative Jews will have to respond to.

Shapiro, addressing the topic of what the future holds for Conservative Judaism, said that following World War II the Conservative movement blossomed.

"We appeared to be the movement that spoke the language of moderation and addressed real issues while simultaneously we were viewed as a traditional movement," Shapiro told over 100 people at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am.

**This situation is no longer entirely true today, Shapiro said, as the Orthodox movement has "rediscovered" the world of moderation and the use of modern techniques of reaching people.**

**"It is speaking the language of philosophy and the language of meaning for a myriad of people and is seen to be very much tuned in to the whole new theme of the 80s that did not exist way back in the 50s," Shapiro pointed out.**

At the same time, he said Orthodoxy has benefited from the move to the right in society as people seek more radical, more absolutes in their lives. This is occurring in Christianity and Islam as well as Judaism, he said.

Shapiro said the Orthodox movement has also benefited from the polarization of the Jewish community, as has Reform.

The president of the RA said that the Reform movement has rediscovered many traditions of Judaism it had long abandoned such as wearing a yarmulke and tallis in shul, and is adept at outreach programs.

In some cases, Shapiro said, Reform Judaism is deeply involved in competition with the Conservative stream to see "who will inherit the mantle of American Judaism in the future."

**Despite the growth of the left and right wings of Judaism though, Shapiro stressed that "Conservative Judaism is alive and well." In fact, the growth of the other movements may be beneficial for Conservatism, Shapiro said, as it has "rested on its laurels" for too long a period of time.**

He said that in the future congregations and rabbis will have to work closer together to ensure that synagogues are run as religious centres and not strictly as businesses.

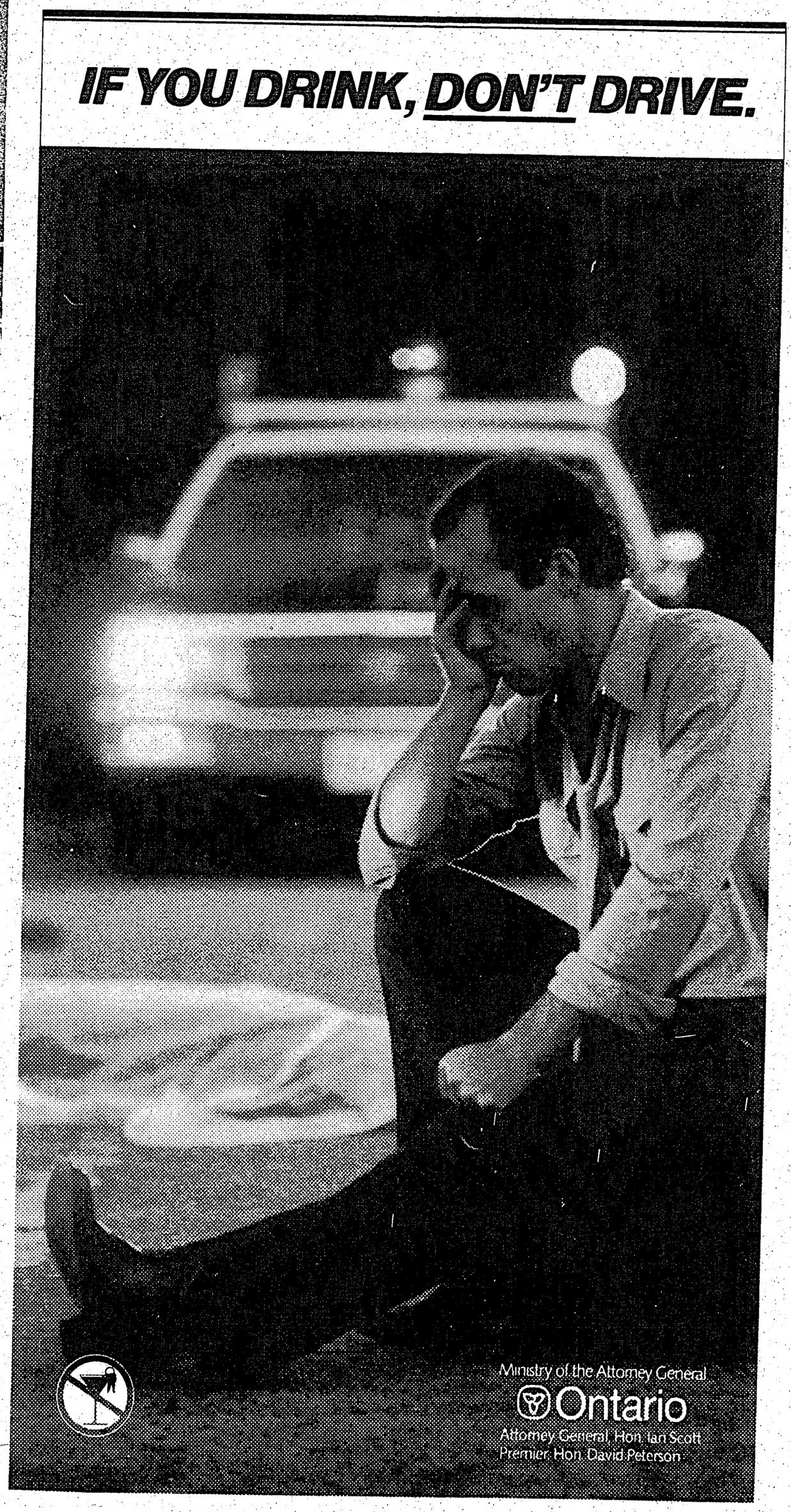
"This generation is going to have to deal with issues of alienation which exist outside our four walls, as well as a wave of assimilation and intermarriage in a far more creative and dynamic way than before," Shapiro stressed.

**This will have to be done by reaching out and bringing people into the synagogue.**

**The New Jersey based rabbi said that while intermarried families were not allowed into Conservative congregations at one time, efforts should now be made to bring these people back into the fold.**

**"We can't just wait for people to come to us," he said.**

Shapiro also touched on the ordination of women as spiritual leaders within the Conservative movement. He said that while some synagogues are not yet ready to accept it, the change should be welcomed in the community as a whole.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# Organizations and People

Helping Sylvia Lockshin dedicate the Jewish Vocational Services building in honor of her husband, the late Louis Lockshin, are (from left) Monte Kwinter, David Mouckley and David Rubin. [Barbara Slater photo]

*Building named in his memory*

## Lockshin honored by JVS

NORTH YORK —

The late Louis Lockshin, former president of the Jewish Vocational Services of Metropolitan Toronto was honored recently with the naming of the JVS building at 74 Tycos Dr. in his memory.

David Rubin, the current president, officiated at the ceremony naming the Louis L. Lockshin Building which houses the agency and the Vocational Rehabilitation Centre of Metropolitan Toronto, a division of JVS.

**Lockshin was president of JVS from 1959 to 1961, and was co-chairman of the Vocational Rehabilitation Centre's policy and management committee until he became ill. He died on Aug. 5.**

His involvement with JVS began in 1950. Recognizing the need for a workshop for persons with emotional disabilities, he helped organize a vocational rehabilitation program in 1956.

Lockshin also pushed to have the facilities of the VRC united in a single structure from inadequate and antiquated quarters downtown. With his assistance the VRC moved to its present location in 1968.

The Jewish Vocational Services states that about 400 clients are served annually by the VRC.

**Among the 80 guests assembled for the dedication ceremonies were Lockshin's wife, Sylvia, son Dr. Martin Lockshin, daughters Brenda Freedman and Sherryn Lang, seven grandchildren, relatives and friends from Toronto, Michigan, Quebec and California.**

Sylvia Lockshin unveiled a scroll and David Mouckley, a past-president of JVS, described Lockshin's contribution to the community. Monte Kwinter, Ontario minister of consumer and commercial relations, brought greetings from the government of Ontario.

JVS is a non-sectarian United Way facility which initially provided jobs and skill-training to displaced persons who had survived the Holocaust.

In addition to VRC, the other divisions of JVS are the Placement Centre, which offers job counseling and placement services and workshops in resume-writing and job-search techniques; the Career Counseling Centre, which offers counseling and testing for students and adults seeking career change as well as workshops on job dissatisfaction and stress management; and the Educational Counseling Centre, which provides remedial and psychological services for students in the Hebrew day schools.

## Ben-Gurion U branch gives Lederman post

TORONTO —

Joshua Lederman has been appointed executive director of the Toronto Branch of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University, branch president Sid Chelsky anounced at a recent meeting of the board of directors.

**In accepting his appointment, Lederman said he was "glad to heed the call of the future. The future of Israel demands fulfilment of Ben-Gurion's dreams for the development of the Negev, over 60% of the land mass of Israel. This can best be done through and with the planning and training provided by Israel's youngest institute of higher education, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev."**

Lederman praised the emerging role of Ben-Gurion University in sharing with the world's hungry people its technology for growing food on arid soils and for greening deserts. "The Freedom from Hunger Research Foundation," he said, "was set up to ensure continued research in this field which will be the mainstay of the world's hope for preventing famine."

In his new post, Lederman will be responsible for the administration, organization, public relations and fund raising activities of the branch. He was previously executive director of the Western Region of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

Born in Montreal, Lederman graduated with a BA in sociology from Carleton University in Ottawa. He also received a certificate in marketing management from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto, and a diploma in sociology and English literature from Vancouver City College. Subsequently he attended Hebrew University in Israel.

He is married to the former Michel Lerner of Toronto. They have one son, Efraim Barak.

Joshua Lederman

## *Women should contact MP to discuss issues*

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Women can easily get involved in the political process without having to resort to doing clerical work at campaign headquarters says Federal Minister of State for Finance Barbara McDougall.

"If there is an issue you are quite concerned about present it to your MP. They are usually quite willing to listen," McDougall said at a recent meeting of the United Jewish Appeal Business and Professional Women's Network held at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

McDougall added that if a woman is not interested in running for public office, she can find someone who wants to run and help that person get elected. "You don't have to start off in the political world by stuffing envelopes," she said.

McDougall noted that although more and more women are entering politics now it is still easier for a woman to run for municipal or provincial politics than it is to run federally. "A woman has a harder time federally because she has to spend her week out of town," McDougall said. She added that it is psychologically tougher for a woman to leave her family than it is for a man.

The minister said that in federal elections prior to 1984 women who did run were often found in "deadbeat ridings where even Joan of Arc wouldn't have a chance. Thankfully, though, in the last election women started to say no to these ridings and ran where they had a chance."

She added that it is important for all of us to break down the theory that women are losers.

McDougall said that women cannot expect votes merely because they are women but rather because they have the three qualifications necessary to run for public office — credibility, initiative and commitment.

"You must have a talent to offer on behalf of the people you represent. You must know you want to win and go out and fight for it, and you must be commited to accomplish something when you do win," said McDougall.

She noted that women in government all have a sympathy towards each other. "We may argue about how we are going to get there, but we know where we want to go with regards to change."

She added that whereas in a decade such as the 50s when women in government were singular and alone it is not so today. "It is exciting to know that as women we are more concerned about what we share not about what drives us apart," McDougall said.

She said that as women "our time is now and I can see it stretching into the future."


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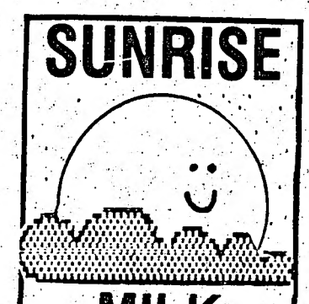

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*Francization law versus religious rights*

# New Quebec govt. to face kosher labels issue

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — The question of Bill 101's requirement that imported kosher food products have French on their labels has been left in limbo with the change of government in Quebec.

The issue was suddenly brought to the fore during the election campaign when Elie Fallu, who was cultural communities and immigration minister as well as responsible for Bill 101 in the short-lived government of Parti Quebecois leader Pierre Marc Johnson, announced the establishment of a special committee to study the matter. Its purpose was to find ways the government can help importers comply with the francization law.

**The announcement, made in a press release, followed a meeting called by Fallu which was attended by representatives of Canadian Jewish Congress, the three local importers of kosher food products, and of the ministry.**

That release, containing a remark by Fallu that he was urging the importers to comply with Bill 101, in part, to meet the needs of francophone Jews in Quebec and which left the impression CJC enthusiastically endorsed the minister's wishes, has angered both CJC and B'nai B'rith's League for Human Rights.

After the Dec. 2 election, CJC Quebec Region chairman Bernard Finestone accused Fallu of making the statement to gain political mileage and said his claim that francophone Jews have complained about finding certain kosher foods not labeled in French is untrue.

(Fallu, who lost his seat, was the member of the National Assembly for Groulx, a riding taking in the municipality of Boisbriand, home of a large chassidic sect. They are, however, not French-speaking.)

**The kosher labeling issue, though not in the public eye for the past year, was never resolved to the satisfaction of the Jewish community or the former PQ government. Gerald Godin, the minister responsible for the application of Bill 101 for several years prior to Johnson's cabinet shuffle, had personally agreed to allow a maximum 10% of imported kosher food on the shelves of Quebec stores to not have French labels and a complete exemption from the law during the Passover period, said Finestone.**

That agreement was never any firmer than a ministerial letter, though, and as a consequence storekeepers have frequently been confronted by language inspectors who never heard of the agreement. In any case, determining whether 10% of all the imported kosher products on the shelves of Quebec stores have French on their labels over the course of a year is not easy.

CJC has always wanted the government to clearly state what flexibility it is prepared to offer in writing in the form of a regulation. But negotiations going back at least five years have failed to produce such a regulation.

**Henri Accoca, a Sephardi Jew who is a member of the Conseil de la langue francaise, was named chairman of the committee by Fallu. Accoca told The CJN that it will depend on the new minister whether the committee ever begins its work. The committee is attached to the Conseil de la langue francaise, an advisory body to the Office de la langue francaise.**

Accoca said that last spring the conseil voted unanimously, except for one member, in favor of a total exemption for imported kosher food from the United States from the provisions of Bill 101.

Article 51 of Bill 101 (formally called the Charter of the French Language), which deals with imported goods, does contain a clause allowing for exemption of those products for which there is no substitute available in Quebec and which are imported in very small quantities.

However, it appears the Office de langue francaise feared such an exemption would set a precedent for other types of products to come into Quebec without French on their labels. In any case, Godin did not act on the conseil's recommendation.

Accoca, who directs the U of M's international academic cooperation program, said CJC and BB officials have misunderstood if they believe Fallu's intention was not to divide the Jewish community on the issue. However, Accoca added that a few complaints come to the attention of the conseil each year from francophone Jews about French not being on the label of kosher products.

**Fallu's intention, according to Accoca, was to bring the matter to some satisfactory conclusion and not let it drag on any longer. Although the issue is not likely to be a high priority for the new Liberal government, D'Arcy McGee MNA Herbert Marx called the French label requirement on kosher food an "irritant" that should be done away with, in a pre-election interview.**

Hard data on exactly what percentage of kosher imports do not conform to Bill 101 are not obtainable. A frequently quoted figure is that 40% of packaged kosher foods are locally produced and have bilingual labels.

Judging by the kosher imports sold at the Hypermarche in Decarie Square, which has a whole aisle of such products, the great majority do not have French on them. The only ones that do are a few very popular items produced by the biggest U.S. wholesalers. The Israeli products appear to be more likely to have French, but these represents only a fraction of the volume of U.S. goods entering Quebec.

Steve Farkas, of Hypermarche's kosher department, said it's just not worth the while of U.S. producers to print separate labels and spend time labeling separately items destined for Quebec because of their relatively small volume.

"These products will simply disappear," said Farkas, if the government demands total francization. Some items are already not be exported for this reason, he said.

**There are three main importers of kosher products in Quebec: Star Appetizing Products Inc., Allied Food Distributors Inc. and Hahamovitch Kosher Imports Inc.**

The importers have tried to keep certain products in Quebec by gluing French labels on here before they go to the stores. Besides being costly (each label, Howard Saskin of Star Appetizing says, cost five or six cents to which must be added the time of affixing them), this system has not worked too well.

One importer tells of how he had 500,000 French labels printed up, only to be told by an Office de la langue francaise official that the French was not correct and wanted a whole new set of labels produced. Also, store-owner have found that customers tend to peel off the extra labels to see what's underneath.


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## Adapted from Americans

# Canada sets new standards for senior centres

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —
Canadian senior centres have come of age with the publication of a book on Canadian standards for senior centres, says Bob Stewart, the President of the Canadian Institute of Senior Centres, the organization that produced the guidelines.

Speaking at the 12th annual conference of the Older Adult Centres Association of Ontario, Stewart, who is the executive director of the Age and Opportunity Centre in Winnipeg, said, "The new standards reflect goals and levels of excellence which are recognized as correct by common consent."

**The Canadian edition of standards, Stewart explained, has been adapted from the American standards which took three years of study of senior centres throughout the United States and Canada. He said, that despite the great diversity of senior centres, there emerged "common perspectives, common elements and common goals" which were brought together in the book Senior Centres Standards: Guidelines for Practice.**

The recently published Canadian book, says Stewart, which took seven years of research, reflect the Canadian scene. The standards conform with Canadian laws and regulations.

"In an atmosphere of wellness, a senior centre develops strengths and encourage independence, while building interdependence and supporting unavoidable dependencies," he told the representatives of the Older Adult centres.

"It works with older persons, not for them, enabling and facilitating their decisions and their actions." He adds that this creates a sense of community which in turn enables older persons to continue their involvements with, and their contributions to the larger community.

**"Aging is a normal developmental process. Human beings need peers with whom they can interact and who are available as a source of encouragement and support. They have a right to have a voice in determining matters in which they have a vital interest."**

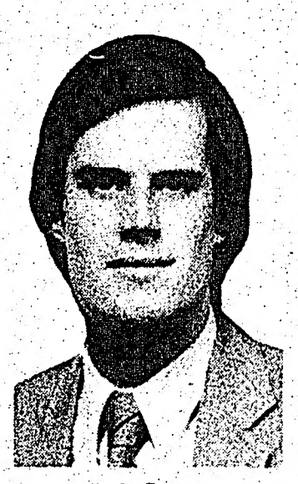
Stewart explained that senior centres provide opportunities for older people to have social contacts and to enhance their self-esteem through challenging group programs.

To meet the needs of older people, he says, senior centre programs consist of a variety of services and activities in such areas as education, creative arts, recreation, advocacy, leadership development, employment, health, nutrition, social work and other support services.

He noted that the senior centre serves as a community resource for information on aging, for training professional and lay leadership and for developing new approaches to aging programs.

**The new standards book, with such categories as purpose, organization, community relations, program and evaluation, is not full of inflexible rules to be feared, he says. Rather, they are constructive tools to help solve problems, improve organizational structure, enhance program practices and staff/participant relationships, and adapt to changing needs.**

The standards also serve to help quality-conscious practitioners to be accountable to sponsors, funders, senior centre participants and the community-at-large.



Bob Stewart

"This book is a tool," says Stewart, "for creative programming and sound management."

In an interview with The CJN, Stewart said that senior centres are not reducing their recreational programs but they are building on that base — adding health promotion and other community services.

"With this new standards publication, the guidelines for practice can help a centre measure its program and set its goals.

**"The new standards are a benchmark so centres can evaluate their own performance. They are also an instructional tool linked with consultation services to assist existing centres or communities seeking to develop new centres.**

Rhea Shulman, the executive director of the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living and the immediate past president of the Canadian Institute of Senior Centres across Canada, introduced Stewart, saying that she has worked with "the very handsome leader" since 1977.

Stewart, she said, is the head of the Age and Opportunity Centres which runs seven senior centres in Winnipeg. As well, he operates a managing and consulting business with his wife. He has a social work degree from the University of Manitoba and this month, he will complete a Master's degree in business administration.

The Canadian edition of Senior Centres Standards: Guidelines for Practice was produced with the support of the health promotion directorate of Health and Welfare Canada. It is available from Health and Welfare Canada and the Canadian Institute of Senior Centres, 304-323 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, R3B 2C1.

# Reform group cited for programs

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
The Canadian Council of Liberal Congregations was among 27 synagogues and Reform Jewish institutions in North America honored recently by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations for social action programs.

The CCLC, which is made up of 19 Reform congregations across Canada, received the Irving Jay Fain award for Ethiopian relief and the production of an Amharic-Hebrew dictionary.

**Roger Hyman, chairman of the steering committee for Ethiopian relief for the CCLC, said there was a "clear need" for an Amharic-Hebrew dictionary. He said that since its creation it has been used extensively in training schools to help Israeli field workers and Ethiopian Jews communicate with each other.**

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, member of the steering committee, said the dictionary provides a transliteration of Hebrew and Amharic words to allow those using it to pronounce the foreign words properly.

Pearlson said that there are only five words of Hebrew origin in Amharic including Torah.

As well as creating the dictionary, Pearlson said the CCLC has provided aid to Ethiopian Jews in Ethiopia and Israel.

**CCLC member congregations in the Toronto area include Holy Blossom, Temple Sinai and Temple Emanu-El in Toronto, Solel Congregation in Mississauga, Har Zion in Thornhill and Har Tikvah in Brampton. Anshe Sholom in Hamilton is also a member of the CCLC.**

The awards are named for the late Irving Jay Fain, a former chairman of the UAHC's commission on social action.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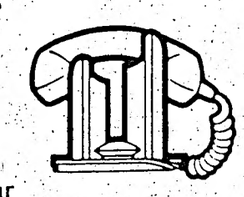

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*Israeli doctors develop laser technique*

# Surgery may return fertility to men, women

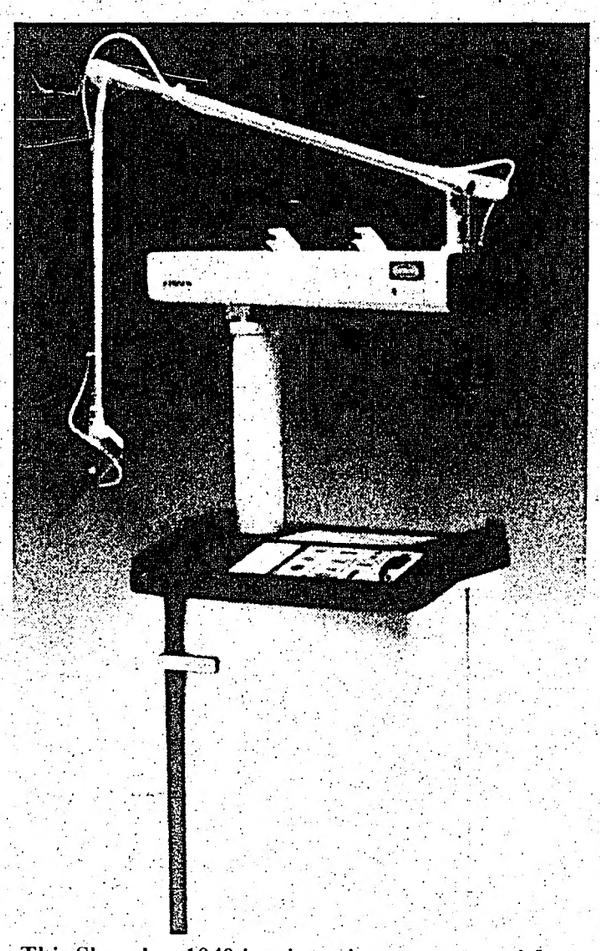
By
LEORA FRUCHT

TEL AVIV —
Israeli doctors have pioneered a new surgical technique that may be able to restore fertility to thousands of sterile men and women by using a laser beam to weld severed tissue together.

**The technique, developed at Beilinson Hospital by Dr. Yigal Gat and Dr. Isaac Kaplan, employs a low-power laser beam to join torn tissues or nerves back together, in effect, replacing stitching. It is to be used in areas of the body that are too small or fragile for conventional sutures.**

"We don't need to touch the tissue," explains Gat. "The laser beam does the work for us."

Gat, a gynecologist and obstetrician, became involved in the project in the hopes of finding a way to treat the thousands of cases of male and female sterility caused by blockage in the narrow reproductive canals.



**This Sharplan 1040 is a laser instrument used for general surgery and the "welding" techniques being carried out by Israeli doctors at Beilinson Hospital.**

"Doctors are usually able to remove the blockage from a woman's Fallopian tubes," says Gat. "But in stitching the delicate tubes back together, the needle must pierce the inside of the canal, often causing damage. The cells inside the canal react by adhering to one another and cause a new blockage to form.

"The male reproductive canal, the vas deferens, is even tinier and more sensitive," says Gat. The result is that the operation rarely works for men and is successful only 10% of the time among women.

**Gat, who is also an engineer, is convinced that tissue-welding will provide an answer to the problem. "We use such a low power beam that the laser does not penetrate through the canal. It simply welds the outside of the canal back together, leaving the sensitive area inside untouched. There's no damage."**

Until now, the operation has only been attempted on animals. The result: dozens of baby rabbits born to previously sterile parents. Gat will soon perform the first such operation on a sterile man. "If anything, it's harder to perform the operation on the tiny canals of a rabbit," he says.

In another area, plastic surgery, the doctors have already tried their revolutionary welding technique on human beings. Kaplan, a renowned plastic surgeon and laser specialist, supervised the experiment in which several Israeli children underwent operations to remove facial growths. Instead of stitching the skin back together after removing the growths, Kaplan and Gat used a low-power laser to weld the tissue in place.

**"It was just amazing to see these children," says Gat. "Four or five days after the operation you couldn't see any evidence of anything. Usually you see the points of the stitches. But here there was no wound and no stitches. The applications for plastic surgery are amazing."**

Another area in which the technique is expected to be extremely helpful is in treating severed nerves. When large nerves have been severed, surgeons are usually able to stitch them back together. But a needle and thread are too clumsy to patch up small nerves, leaving many accident victims without the use of fingers, toes and various facial muscles controlled by such nerves.

"Nerve-welding should change that," says Gat.

Until now, the laser has been employed extensively as a scalpel. Its precise cutting ability is achieved when a high-power beam is used. But a low-power laser has an entirely different effect. It's this "welding effect" that Gat and Kaplan are exploiting for the first time.

Anticipating widespread interest in the development, Laser Industries, the Israeli firm that manufactures surgical lasers, is already including a low-power option in some of its models. The company's Sharplan lasers, originally developed by Kaplan and Israeli engineer Uzi Sharon make up 40% of the medical lasers on the world market.

*University "builds bridges"*

# *Bar-Ilan rep spreads word*

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
A whirlwind of exuberance flew into Toronto recently to promote an educational institution she says "builds bridges" between all elements of Israeli society, religious and non-religious, modern and traditional.

Just off the plane from Detroit as part of a North American tour, (Toronto is the 10th city she has visited and she is heading for Montreal next) Dina Berniker, administrative deputy to the rector of Bar-Ilan University, pours out torrents of information with great enthusiasm.

**Berniker, who says she holds one of the highest academic/administrative positions held by a woman at a university in Israel, came "because there are many in the world who don't know what the university stands for."**

In 30 years, Bar-Ilan in Tel Aviv has grown from 70 students and 16 faculty to 13,000 students and a staff of 1,200, Berniker says.

Divided into five faculties (Jewish Studies, social science, natural science, humanities and law), "the uniqueness of Bar-Ilan is that the founders tried to make a (synthesis between science and Judaism, the traditional and the modern world," Berniker explains.

"Every student no matter what his field of study has to take basic Jewish studies such as Jewish history, Jewish philosophy, Talmud and Bible. This is in addition to his professional training."

**Dina Berniker**

**The educational philosophy attracts students from non-religious backgrounds who wish to know more about their heritage, Beniker says. "Religious and non-religious students meet and learn to respect each other.**

"Now when there is so much polarization between so many factions in Jewish society, Bar-Ilan acts as a bridge between the religious and the secular."

The university also acts as a bridge between more affluent Israelis and those from the Sephardi community, and poorer backgrounds, says Berniker.

Bar-Ilan has the highest percentage of Sephardi and underprivileged students of any of the seven institutes of higher learning in Israel, she says.

And through extensions in Sefad, Zemach and Ashkelon, and nine army bases, the university draws students normally unable to attend classes, says Berniker.

**But affording learning opportunities to "bridge the social and economic gap," is costly and in a recession-plagued country, she laments, funds are not available for badly needed scholarships.**

Money is also needed, Berniker stresses, because Bar-Ilan "must strive for excellence because only by being at the top can she compete with other universities in Israel and around the world."

Even though it is pinched by a tight economy, however, Bar-Ilan is performing the type of research Berniker hopes will merit worldwide attention.

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Berniker, who earned both her BA and MA in social science at Bar-Ilan and who says the university is her life, has also accumulated accomplishments outside its setting.

**She is a member of the Supreme Council for Women's Affairs which advises Israel's prime minister on women's issues, and is a member of the Wolf Foundation which dispenses one of Israel's highest academic honors.**

For more information about the university, contact Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University, 333 Wilson Ave. Suite 206, Toronto M3H 1T2 or phone 635-1966.


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## Revisions to Family Law Reform Act

# *Proposals will make it easier to obtain a get*

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
The standing committee on justice and legal affairs of the Ontario legislature last week voted in favor of proposals to make it easier for Jewish marriage partners to obtain a get.

Progressive Conservative Susan Fish, vice-chairman of the committee, proposed two amendments to the bill to revise the provincial Family Law Reform Act, the first passing unanimously, the second passing 6 to 4 after almost two hours of occasionally heated debate.

The first proposal would allow a court to set aside a separation agreement or settlement into which one spouse entered in exchange for the other's agreement to deliver a get.

**The second proposal would allow a spouse in an application for a division of family property, support or a variation order to complete a statement that he or she "has removed all barriers that are within his or her control and that would prevent the other spouse's remarriage within that spouse's faith."**

**The proposed section would then require the other marriage partner to file a similar statement. Failure to do so would lead to the court dismissing the application or striking out a defence.**

The proposals are a modified version of those submitted to the committee by lawyer John Syrtash, who represented a broad coalition of interested parties, mostly from the Jewish community, concerned that the promise of a get (the "barrier" to remarriage) was being used to extort favorable property settlements (CJN Dec. 5).

Passage in committee of the proposals was likely the last major hurdle prior to becoming law, Syrtash told The CJN. He said the proposals now become part of the bill and will eventually be considered by the full legislature.

Four Conservative members and two New Democrats voted in favor of the second motion, while the committee's four Liberals voted against.

In debate that preceded the vote, Attorney General Ian Scott argued that the first proposal, which allows a court to set aside a settlement, was sufficient to cure the problem of spouses using the promise of a get to extort a favorable property settlement.

While acknowledging he'd "never had to confront an issue that causes me more difficulty," he argued that the second set of proposals would involve the provincial government in matters of a religious nature.

He stated the view of the ministry is that the proposals are unconstitutional.

It is not the state which imposed hardships, he said. Rather, the hardship arose from an individual freely adhering to the tenets of a religion, adding he thought the state should not intervene to "neutralize" a religious rule.

**Though Scott spoke forcefully against the second motion, the Liberal members were allowed to break with party discipline and vote as their consciences dictated.**

All four Liberals on the 10-person committee — Robert Callahan, David Cooke, Donald Knight and Claudio Polsinelli — voted against the second proposal.

Two New Democrats, Evelyn Gigantes and Marion Bryden, joined Conservatives Fish, Terrance O'Connor, David McFadden and Peter Partington in voting for the second proposal.

**During the 2-hour debate, Scott suggested that while the people of Ontario "should get what they legitimately want," as attorney general he must consider whether those requests are "in the best interests of the law," and not "pandering" to the interests of one group.**

"I have a responsibility to the whole community," he said. To vote for the second motion would be to "initiate intervention into rules of religion that is unprecedented."

Later, Fish argued that the amendments ask to remove barriers to the rightful exercise of civil rights under provincial law, and were not an intrusion in religious matters.

She noted that Rabbi Mordechai Ochs had told the committee that the Vaad Harabonim, the Council of Orthodox Rabbis, did not view the proposals as an intrusion in religious matters.

**She termed the threat of withholding a get "unethical, inappropriate and malicious," and described the choice faced by the legislators being between the support of the malicious and "vindictive" actions of some men versus supporting the rights of women to freely exercise their civil rights without the threat that it would affect their rights to a get.**

Part way through her statement, Scott interrupted telling Fish not to "grandstand," and not to impugn malicious motives to himself.

In a heated atmosphere, Fish replied she was not impugning the motives of the AG, though she was concerned with his comments earlier that those who support the proposals are doing it to please a particular community. She said those who supported the proposals are acting "in good faith"

The matter ended when Scott accepted committee chairman Andrew Brandt's remarks that noted Fish was not commenting on Scott's motives.

Observing the proceedings were representatives of some of the groups which supported the proposals, including several representatives from B'nai B'rith Canada, among them Frank Dimant, executive vice-president and Rabbi Baruch Taub, chairman of Vaad Harabonim. An observer from the Women's Secretariat was also present.

Samuel Freedman presents scroll to Mirial Small at Hadassah-WIZO convention.

## Past Hadassah-WIZO president

# Hebrew U honor for Small

WINNIPEG —
Mirial Small, past president of Hadassah-WIZO Canada, was awarded an honorary fellowship from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem at Hadassah-WIZO's annual convention, held recently in Winnipeg.

Small was awarded the fellowship by Samuel Freedman, former chief justice of Manitoba and honorary chairman of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

Freedman said it was "a pleasure to be making the presentation."

He referred to the long association between Hadassah-WIZO and the Hebrew-WIZO was responsible for the creation of the first building at Givat Ram — Canada Hall," he said, adding that the organization's support has been of "immense importance" to the university.

"This support has been consistent and ongoing, and Mirial herself, by her personal talents and consideration, has not only continued it, but has advanced it immeasurably," he said.

Currently, Hadassah-WIZO has established a research fellowship project at the Hebrew University. Under the project's auspices, fellowships are awarded on a rotating basis to researchers in the fields of antisemitism and computer science.

## Mezuzahs stolen, swastikas drawn

# *Vandals strike high-rise*

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
Thirty-one mezuzahs were stolen and walls defaced with swastikas last week in a North York high-rise.

It isn't the first time vandals have gained entrance to the building, located at 125 Neptune, says the superintendent.

This latest occurrence took place late one night, he said, when the vandals went on a rampage, ripping 31 mezuzahs from their door posts and drawing swastikas on the garage and elevator walls.

The swastikas were quickly washed off, he added.

He said the building has a high population of senior citizens and Jews.

A sign in the building's lobby last week admonished occupants to be on the lookout for strangers, in order to protect the area's heavy concentration of Jews.

The super said he once confronted an intruder in the building's lobby and was knifed for his troubles. He said the intruder received a year in jail.

Const. Mark Mendelsohn of the Metro Police ethnic squad told The CJN police are treating the incident as "racially motivated.

"It smacks of antisemitism," he said.

He said those mezuzahs nailed or screwed to their posts were not stolen. Only those with adhesive backs were taken.

One of the swastikas had been carved into a wall with a knife, he noted.

A spokesman for the force's criminal investigation division said the inquiry is proceeding on the assumption that more than one intruder was involved but that the odds of catching them are "slim to none."

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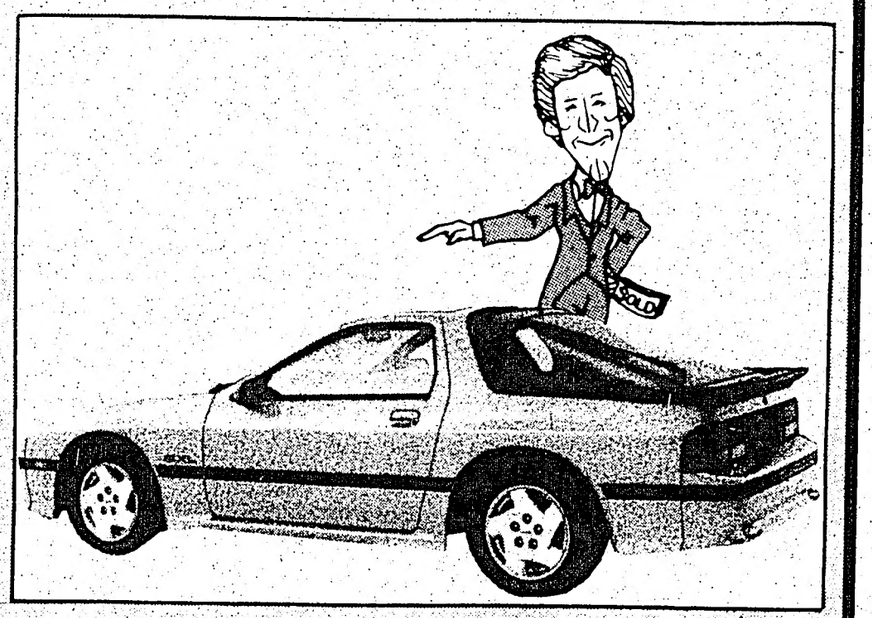

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## More care taken

# *Protecting your investment*

By
SAUL KORMAN

**(Fashion authority Saul Korman reports regularly to The CJN on current fashion trends. Korman is president of Korry's Clothiers To Gentlemen, in Toronto.)**

It is a sorry fact of life that, from the first moment of purchase, every product begins to show signs of age, including a suit of clothes — from frayed cuffs and worn-out elbows to burns, spills and tears.

Damage, of course, can be delayed, but only if exceptional care is taken from the very start. And since such care, of necessity, increases with the amount of money originally spent, this principle has become known as "protecting one's investment."

**Clothes fall into the "investment" category by virtue of their rapidly rising value. Ten years ago, $275 was the price of a very good suit: today, it's the bare minimum asked by most retailers.**

**The average price a suit goes for today falls anywhere between $400 and $600 — top-line models are regularly $800 and over.**

With cash outlays such as these, it's no wonder that men are becoming more interested in the care and keeping of their wardrobes.

Where once they might have flung jacket and slacks over a chair, they now gently drape them on wooden hangers. And with the return of natural fibres, those used to synthetics are discovering fresh cause for concern in the shape of wrinkles, puckers and sags.

For many men, wardrobe maintenance is still a matter of trial and error. An imperfect understanding of fabric properties and blind belief in the infallability of modern methods lead more than a few to rely exclusively on drycleaning techniques.

If one's suit is slightly wrinkled, by all means send it to the drycleaners. If your pants show a crumpled crease, then let them be sent as well. . . .

Before long, the fibres of these "over-cleaned" clothes will be stripped of all natural resilience. Garments will start to lose shape, becoming limp and lacklustre.

The chemical process behind drycleaning is the reason for this premature loss of life — avoiding it as much as possible therefore becomes top priority to the concerned consumer.

**The simple alternative is to have your clothes pressed instead of cleaned. Pressing will remove all wrinkles and restore proper pant creases, without damaging the fabric or fading its color.**

Hand-pressing is best, but not all cleaning shops offer this service — and of those that do, a careful survey is required to weed out the incompetent.

A good hand laundry will charge at least 50% more than regular cleaners for work on the same garment, and some people are simply not prepared to pay that kind of price.

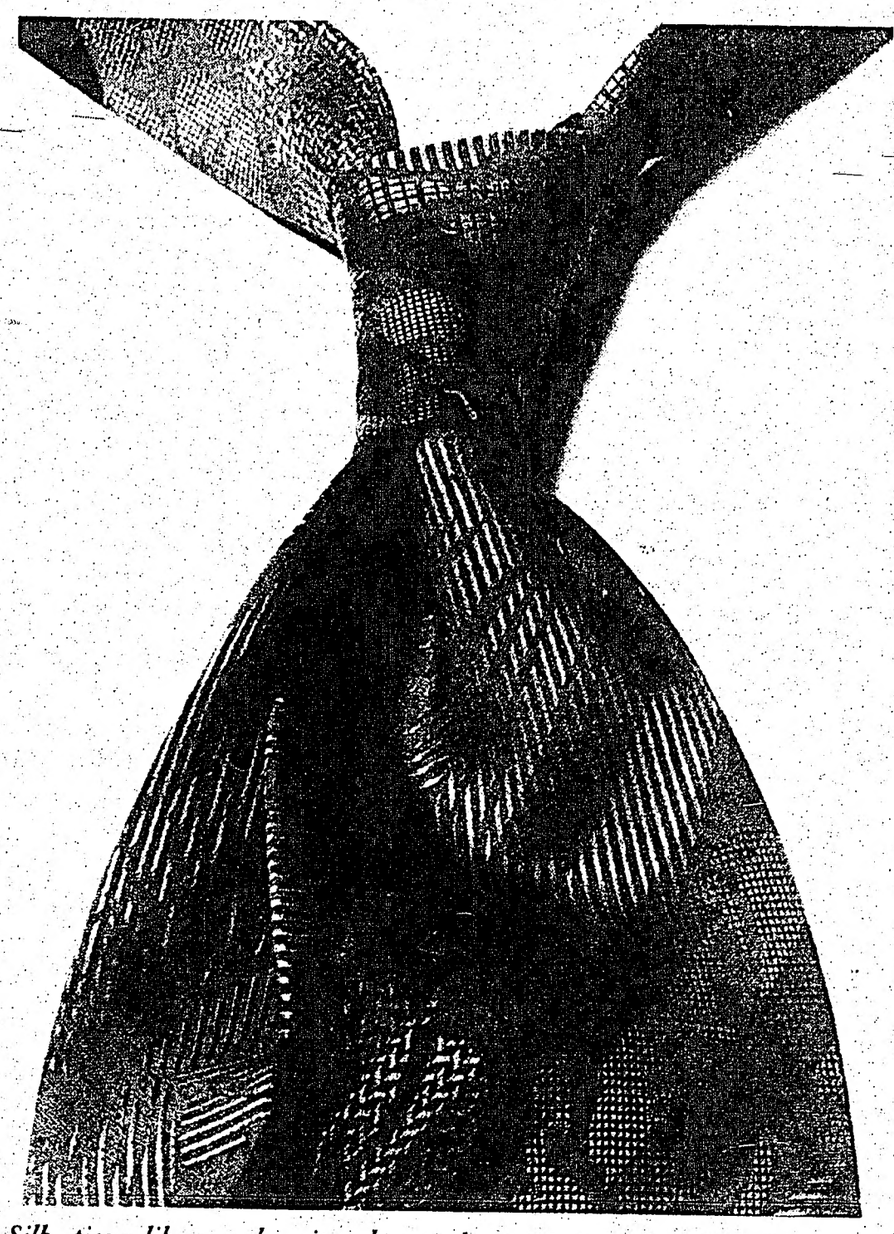
If this indeed is your situation, my next best suggestion would be to find a reliable cleaning chain — one that offers similar services at what might be described as a "wholesale" rate.

**It's been a favorite rule of thumb of mine to suggest that suits be drycleaned once to every six or seven pressings. I also recommend both pants and jacket be sent in for cleaning, in order to avoid unequal color fading.**

If for some reason a pressing service is unavailable in your vicinity, or if you are leery of those that are available, you might attempt to do your own pressing at home — either by hand or with a personal steam-press, such as the Corby Trouser Valet, which shapes and recreases pants automatically.

This machine costs around $350 — considerably less than you might spend on drycleaning in a year — and in terms of protecting one's clothing investment, it's well worth the money.

*Although shirts must be laundered after every wearing, suits should not be drycleaned more than once for every six or seven pressings. If a jacket needs rejuvenation, try leaving it to "breathe" on a wooden hanger for a few days.*



*Silk ties, like wool suits, lose color and resiliency to too much drycleaning. Better for both that they be spot-cleaned and steam-pressed.*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*Jewish tailor changed course of the west*

# Jake makes riveting deal with Levi's

By
LEN BUTCHER

LAS VEGAS —
There have been a number of unsung heroes over the years, but one who deserves a monument, or at the very least a statue or two, is Jacob Youphes, a Jewish tailor.

Hardly a household name, but for every cowboy, miner, rancher or prospector from Jackpot to Searchlight, Rawhide to Battle Mountain who ease into their Levi's in the morning, owe a silent debt to old Jake and his little invention.

It was a simple little thing, but it changed the course of the west. Jake, as he was called, was a Nevada tailor by trade, who like many in the last half of the 1800s, was a success one day, tried something else, failed, went into another venture, made a few bucks then gambled it all on something new.

From being a tobacconist in Virginia City during the Comstock boom (where he went broke) to a partner in a Reno brewery (which also went under) Jake finally returned to his real skill, that of a tailor.

By 1869, his business was looking up. He was making horse blankets, wagon covers and tents from off-white duck cloth bought from a San Francisco dry goods house named Levi Strauss & Co.

One day while he was making a special pair of pants for a very large customer, he decided to fasten the pockets with rivets, which he used to attach the front straps and crouper to horse blankets, instead of the usual heavy twine.

*"The secratt of them Pents is the Rivits"*

Jake, like many other tailors, complained that twine, no matter how heavy, would not keep the pockets from tearing. It wasn't until several months later, after he received order after order for work pants with rivets, that he realized he had something.

**Sending a check to cover his account with Levi Strauss, he included a letter which read: "I also send you by Express 2 ps Overall as you will see one Blue and one made of the 10 oz. Duck which I have bought in greate many Peces of you, and have made it up in Pents, such as the sample (sic).**

"The secratt of them Pents is the Rivits that I put in the pockets and I found the demand so large that I cannot make them up fast enough. I charge for the Duck $3 and the Blue $2.50 a pear (sic).

Spelling may not have been one of Jake's strong points but it didn't stop Jake and Levi working out a partnership arrangement on the patents, and to this day, Levi's are still held together with rivets.

The rivets, however, are now placed on the inside of Levi's after complaints they had a tendency to scratch wooden furniture when a cowpoke sat down at the kitchen table.

There is one rivet that has been removed permanently from the crotch after a painful experience by the late Walter Hass Sr., former company president.

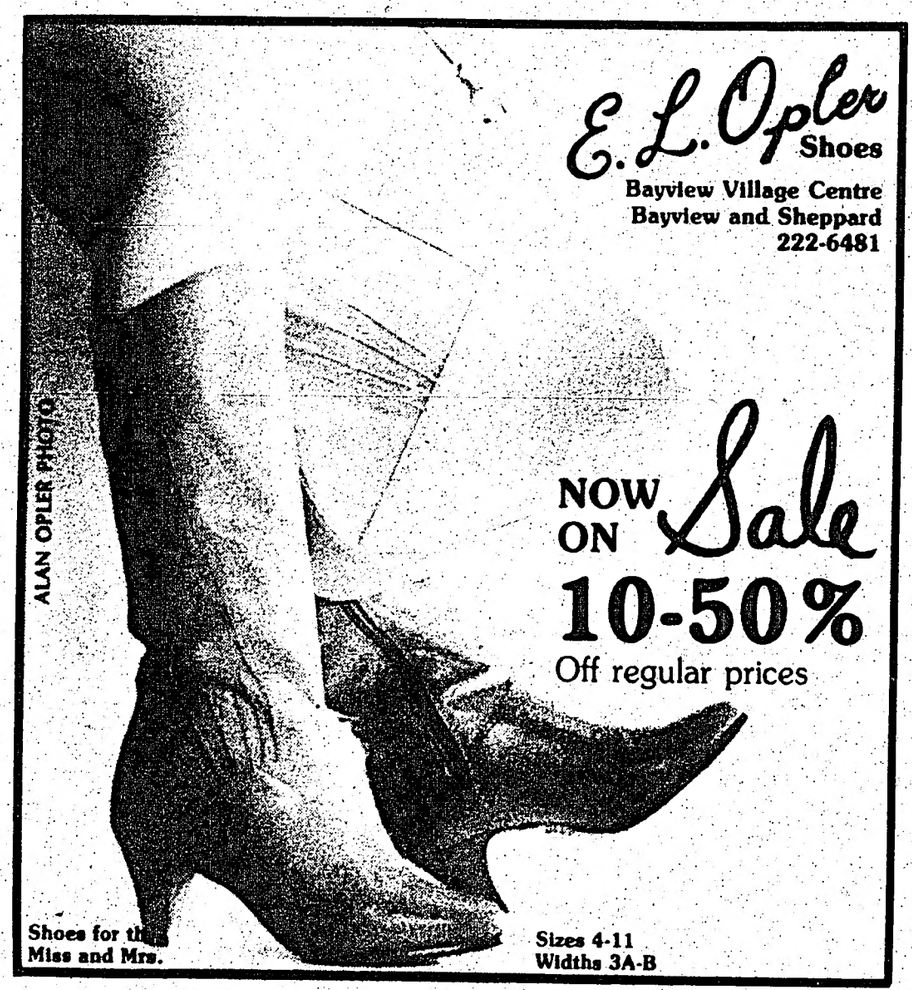
**It seems he was hunkered down by the fire on a camping trip and when he stood up, became the victim of what was termed "the burning rivet syndrome" in a very sensitive area.**

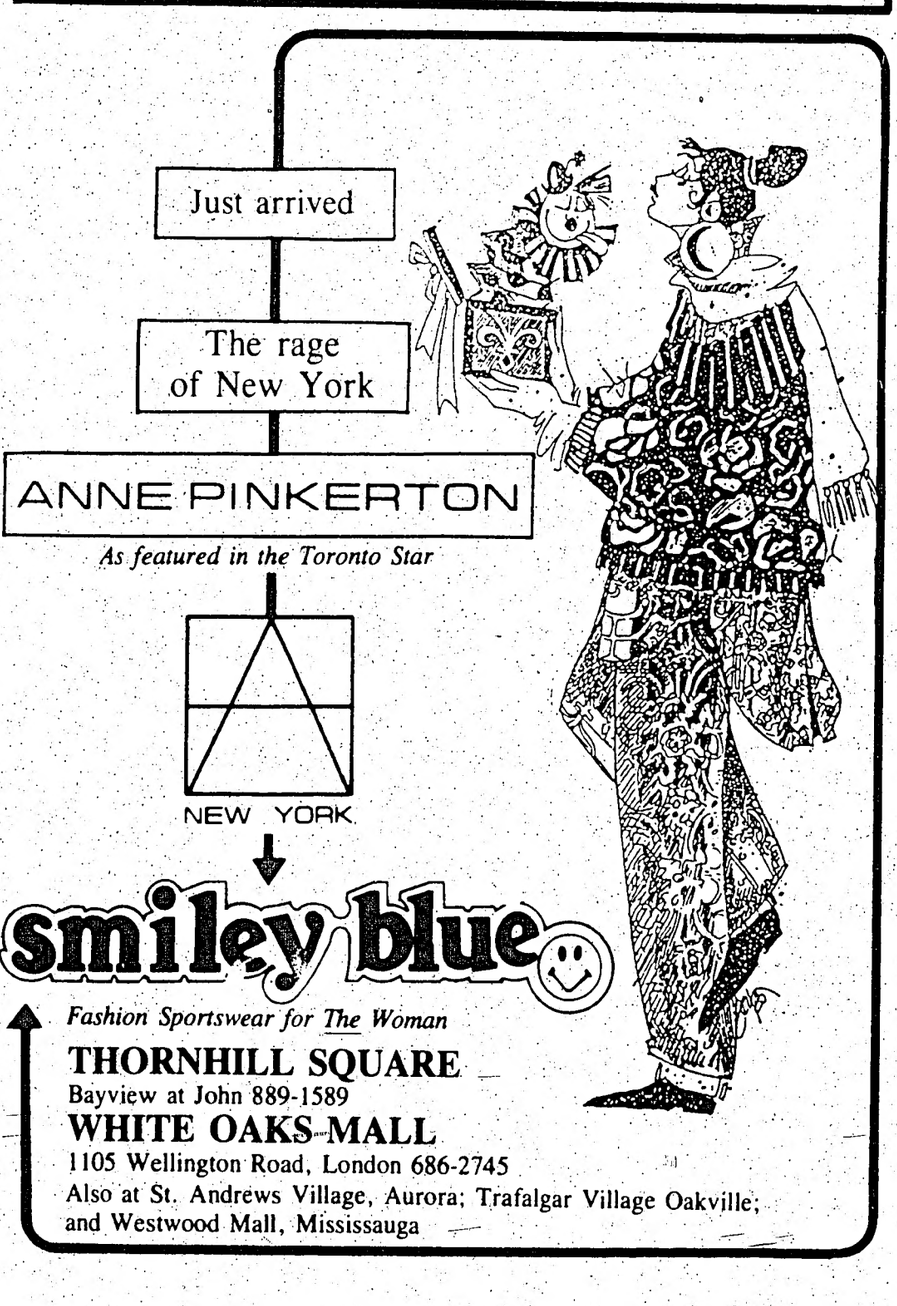
**At the next board meeting, that particular rivet was ordered removed — permanently. Otherwise, there'd still be a lot of cowboys walking a little funny.**

Old Jake is long gone, but the simple idea he created on that unknown day in Reno still lives after him. There may not be any monuments, but every pair of Levi's makes up for that.

One way you'll be sure never to forget Jake is to stand butt-first too close to the campfire.

*Rivets on Levi jeans have an interesting history. (Ronny Shinder photo)*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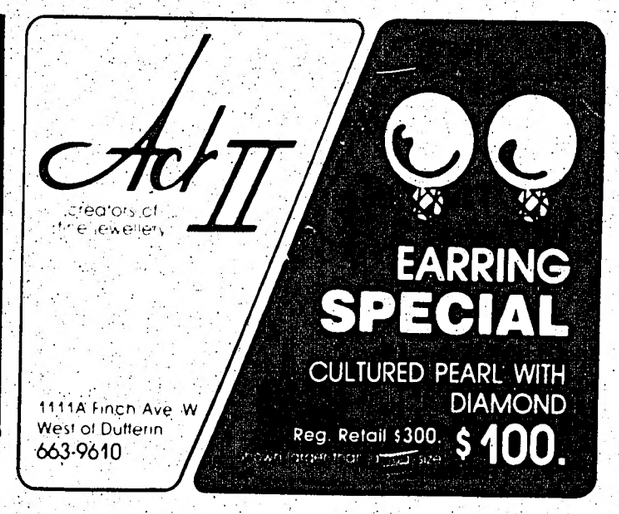



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# Fashion

*Shown at the recent Simpson's/United Way fashion show was this natural silver shadow fox by Givenchy Furs. (Ronny Shinder photo)*

# *A daily skin regimen can deter damage*

By
**CAROLYN BLACKMAN**

What do sun, wind, pollution and stress have in common? You cannot escape them and they all play havoc with your skin.

Fortunately, however, skin damage need not happen if a woman starts a daily skin regimen and sticks to it, according to Ferida Stuart, owner of Natural Swedish Face Care at Lawrence Plaza.

**"You can't stop aging with a jar of cream. You must get your skin on a program," Ferida says emphatically.**

At Natural Swedish Face Care, a bright, cheery salon filled with paintings and plants, Ferida starts you on a beauty routine that includes personalized facials, makeup, problem skin care, massages and manicures and pedicures.

"Every woman has a different skin type and what works for one probably will not work for another," she says.

She notes that after a woman's skin is analyzed it is cleansed and slouched, whereby all dead skin is removed.

"We then massage the face with oils and creams specifically for her skin type and following that the skin gets a deep cleansing and another massage with penetrating creams," Stuart explains.

She says that the whole process takes 1½ to 2 hours and should be repeated every month.

"Not only that, but women need to continue a 15-minute program at home each night."

**She adds that facial exercises should be included in this daily program. "Facial muscles need exercise just like muscles in the rest of the body. I teach women isometrical exercises in which each muscle in the face is tightened."**

Stuart, who has been in the beauty business for 25 years, notes that diet plays an important role in skin care.

"Bad eating habits can do terrible things to a woman's skin."

She also advises her clients to keep out of the sun completely. "If you must sunbathe, get a good sunblock. Sunbathing causes wrinkles and skin cancer," she warns.

Because the way we feel is a big factor in how we look, Stuart concentrates on making her clients comfortable.

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## Fashion

# Brown's buzzes with colors, styles for shoes, boots

By
LORI SMITH

Black, fuchsia, forest green, turquoise, purple, gray and burgundy, bright green and tapestry are the shoe colors we will be seeing and wearing this winter when we are not in boots.

According to Alain Aubin, general-manager of Brown's Shoe Shops, now that the weather is cooler, boots are naturally very important to the public.

"We have lace up boots and multi-color boots that are short or to the knee that are very popular.

**"And we have water resistant boots including a Gore-Tex boot with a synthetic, winterized rubber sole and a Fendi boot that is lined and styled like a riding boot."**

Included in their wide selection of leather boots are those that cover the knee. Aubin explains that they are available only through custom orders.

In terms of shoes he says that black — leather and patent — is very important this year. And a new innovation is clip-on bows and jewels to dress up any plain pump.

Asked about heel height, he says that any height is popular and available.

**He adds that for evening, sequins are playing a big role and printed tapestry shoes or black shoes with gold or silver are important.**

Brown's Shoes Shops are located in The Eaton's Centre, Hazleton Lanes, Scarborough Town Centre, Toronto Dominion Centre and Yorkdale Shopping Centre.

*Stylish leather boot ($95) from Brown's. (Barry Shainbaum photo)*

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# *Knowing the proper terms adds to fashion knowledge*

Learning the terminology of the fashion industry is an important part of a fashion education. By using corect terminology, you show that you are familiar with the business. Many fashion terms are from the French language, since France has long been the capital of fashion innovation.

**accessories** — Articles worn or carried to complete a fashion look, such as jewelry, scarves, hats, handbags, or shoes.

**artisans** — People who do skilled work with their hands.

**atelier** — French word for designer workshop. Ateliers are classified as flou (for soft dressmaking) or teilleur (for tailoring suits and coats).

**avant-garde** — French term describing a design that is ahead of its time or unconventional.

**boutique** — French word for a small shop with unusual clothing and atmosphere.

**chic** — French word meaning stylish.

**classic** — A fashion that is long-lasting.

**collection** — A designer's or manufacturer's group of garments for a specific season. (Moderately and lower-priced collections are referred to as lines.)

**contemporary styling** — Sophisticated, updated styling; originally designed for the age group that grew out of juniors.

**Coty American Fashion Critics Award** — Annual award given since 1942 for outstanding fashion design.

**couture** — Literally, French for dressmaking; applied to fashion businesses that make clothes to order.

**couturier** — Male French dress designer, for example, Yves St. Laurent, Marc Bohan, and Hubert de Givenchy.

**couturiere** — Female French designer, for example, Alix Gres.

**designer** — Person employed in creating ideas for garments or accessories in the fashion industry.

**fad** — short-lived fashion.

**fashion** — The prevailing style of any given time; implies change in style.

**fashion cycle** — Fashion change; refers to the introduction, acceptance, and decline of a fashion.

**fashion goods** — New goods that have a relatively short life but are of interest temporarily to many people.

**Fashion Group** — An international association of professional women in the fashion business; founded in 1931.

**fashion trend** — The direction in which fashion is moving.

**haute couture** — Those dressmaking houses in Paris that belong to the Chambre Syndicale and meet the criteria to be on its Couture-Creation list.

**high fashion** — The newest fashion designs worn by fashion leaders.

**hot item** — A best seller; also known as a runner or a ford.

**Ideacomo** — Italian fabric producers' trade fair, held each November and May in Como, Italy, followed by presentations in New York.

**Inter-Color** — A twice-yearly meeting in Paris of fashion industry representatives from all over the world to discuss color directions for the future.

**Jacquard loom** — A loom invented by Joseph Jacquard in France in 1801 that weaves an elaborate pattern (such as damask, brocade, or tapestry) by controlling each warp thread separately.

**juniors** — Size scale of female apparel. Range is in odd numbers, 3 to 15.

**knocked-off** — A copy of a higher-priced style.

**line** — An apparel manufacturer's collection of styles. Also, visual direction in a design caused by seams, details, or trimming.

**line-for-line copy** — Exact copy of a style originated by a foreign couturier.

**missy** — Size range in feminine apparel in even numbers, 6 to 16.

**moda pronta** — Italian ready-to-wear.

**mode** — Synonym for fashion; used mainly in Europe.

**off-price** — A price lower than the original wholesale price, or below normal wholesale price.

**pret-a-porter** — French for ready-to-wear; literally, "ready to carry."

**ready-to-wear** — Apparel that is mass produced (opposite of custom made).

**Saville Row** — Street in London famous for its men's tailors.

**Seventh Avenue** — The main street of New York City's garment district; term used to represent the whole area.

**silhouette** — Outline of a garment.

**style** — Certain characteristics that distinguish a garment from other garments; a subdivision within a fashion.

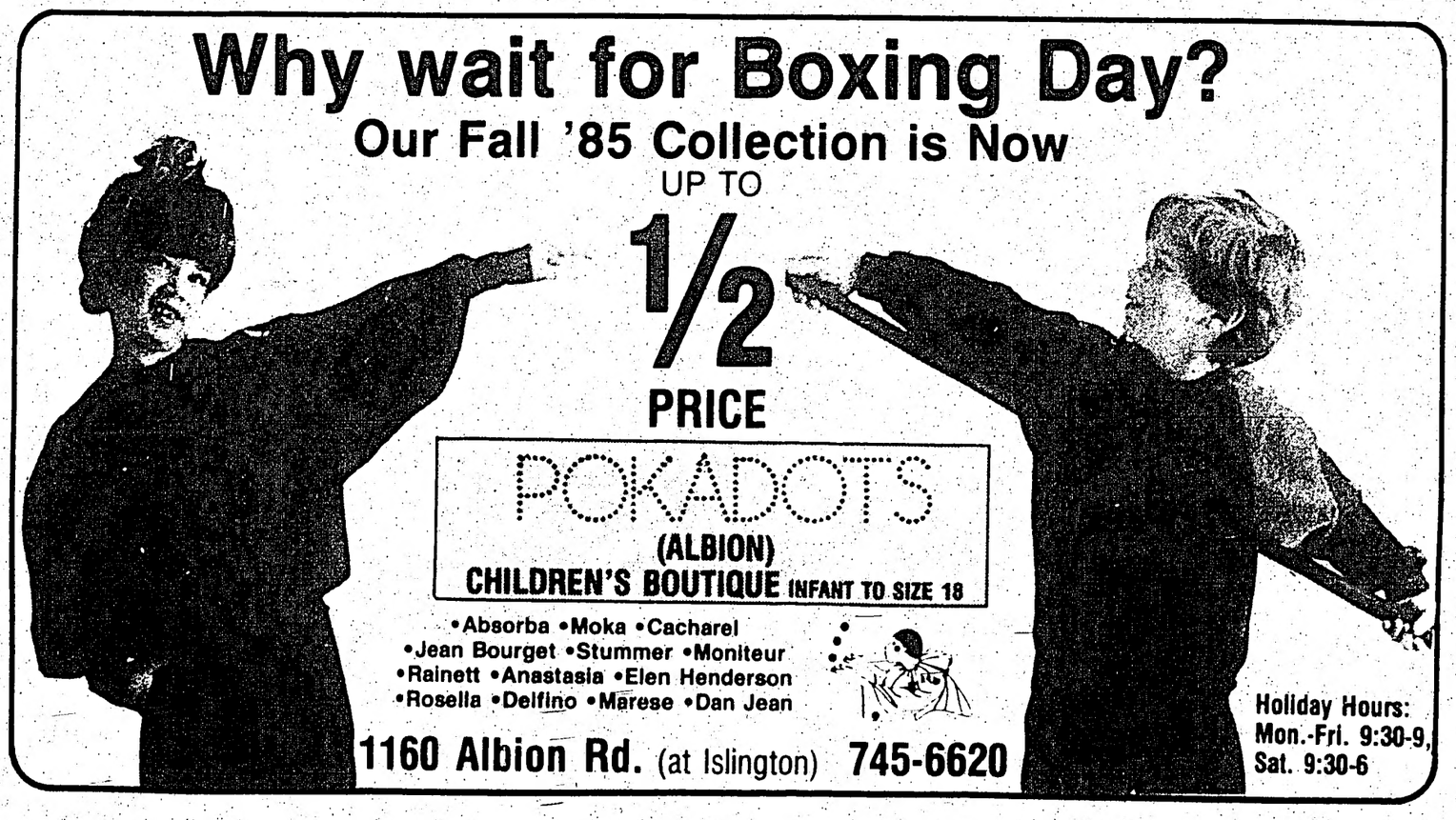
**stylist** — A fashion expert; generally selects colors, prints, or styles for presentation or prepares fashion merchandise for photographic presentation in an advertisement or catalog.

**toile** — French word for muslin or muslin sample garment.

**trademark** — Company's individual registered mark and name for a product.

**trend setter** — A designer or fashion leader who sets a fashion direction that others follow.

**Women's Wear Daily** — Trade publication of the women's fashion industries.



# Texture, color give hosiery a hot look for those cold days

By
LORI SMITH

Texture and color are the trademarks of fashion hosiery this season.

Cari McIntosh, sales agent for Audrey Stuart Fashion Sales Agency, the firm that represents two Italian hosiery manufacturers, Ibici and Well, says that textured hose are "very, very big."

**"There is always lace and floral patterns, Swiss dot looks and fishnet stockings are very popular."**

She explains that hosiery colors echo the colors presented in the season's clothing fashions.

"Whatever the fashion is, it is picked up in the hose. This year we are showing emeralds, reds, royal blue, whites and blacks."

She adds that they are also showing black stockings with a shimmer of gold or silver in them for dressier occasions.

McIntosh says that there has been a dramatic rise in the popularity of textured hose in the last two or three years.

**"All accessories have been extremely big in the last three years. Belts, hats, jewelry ad hosiery. Today, when girls get into fashion they want an all-over look. They want to coordinate from their fingertips to their toes."**

Ibici and Well hosiery is available at all major department stores and Leggings in Toronto.

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*Black glitter hose from Ibici of Italy. (Ronny Shinder photo)*


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# Arts

## Rotenberg philosphical after production closes on Broadway

# *The News director says play touched sensitive nerve*

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The bad news is that The News closed after the critics tore it apart in New York, but the good news is that the 35-year-old director and co-writer is not downhearted.

David Rotenberg, the son of Dr. Cyril and Gertrude Rotenberg of Toronto, talked philosophically to The CJN on a recent visit to Toronto, about the rock n' roll musical which opened recently at the Helen Hayes Theatre on Broadway and closed the next day. About $1 million was invested in the play.

Rotenberg, who lives in New York, said The News, a glorified parody of the journalism in Rupert Murdoch's New York Post, touched a sensitive nerve in the print critics, and they felt it necessary to protect their enclave against attack from a rock n' roll musical.

**On the other hand, Rotenberg said, Pia Lindstrom of ABC loved it, as did most TV and radio critics. "We did 56 performances in Florida, 16 in Connecticut, and 26 previews in New York, and young people were coming back to see it again. In fact, it was attracting back to legitimate theatre a lot of young people who had given up on it. Women liked it too."**

The News, which has 37 songs, was co-written by Rotenberg and Paul Schierhorn, who were at the Yale School of Drama at the same time. Schierhorn wrote the music and lyrics.

The play involves news events, their sensational coverage and their stage effect on a creepy character who feels he has a mission to create the news and hence terrorizes New York City. The News is not meant to show that newspapers lie, Rotenberg said, but that they attenuate the truth.

**Rotenberg taught drama at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver for two years after graduating from Yale in 1975, and would like to do more work in Canada, but finds it tough to get. His most recent directing assignments in Toronto were Sam Shepard's The Curse of the Starving Class and Charles Ludlum's The Mystery of Irma Vep.**

From 1980-83 he was artistic director of The Playmakers, the company at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where he staged traditional plays, but also new ones by Canadian and U.S. playwrights — including Mobile Hymn, by Robert Litz, which he described as "a beautiful vision of a blue collar family set in the national parks."

Another play by Litz, The Life and Hard Times of William O. Douglas, which he directed in Seattle, Chicago and Philadelphia, is one which afforded him "great satisfaction."

Rotenberg is married to Susan Santiago, an actress, who studied law at Duke University when they were in North Carolina and now has a law degree. The couple have a new son, Joseph, born three months ago.

# Versatility is paying off for screenwriter Zelniker

By
DAVID PIERSON

TORONTO —

If you want to be a successful screenwriter in Canada you have to be versatile.

Versatility could be Richard Zelniker's middle name. Combining his comedic and dramatic writing talents, he has found success writing scripts for films, television and theatre.

**"You have to do it all and be able to write for different mediums just to keep working in Canada because there is just not enough film work to go around." Zelniker said in a recent interview.**

Zelniker started in screenwriting 10 years ago when at the age of 21 he got his first break working on the script of a National Film Board movie called A Single Complex.

In the the late 70s Canada experienced what Zelniker terms "a mini-film boom" and he found work on such films as Pinball Summer and Hey Babe.

ing on a screenplay entitled Sensational, for CBC's upcoming big budget made-for-TV-films.

Zelniker said that Sensational is a cross between comedy and drama about a reporter who works for a sensational tabloid magazine.

Zelniker said that he hopes to see Sensational enter production in the spring and hopefully premiere next fall.

## *Romantic comedy*

He recently had his first big Hollywood break writing the screenplay for a soon to be released Cannon film entitled Bon Appetit.

"It's a romantic comedy starring Anthony Quinn and I'm really looking forward to seeing it on the screen," Zelniker said.

Zelniker hasn't limited himself to films and he is currently working on a play for the Tarragon Theatre entitled Scorched.

"I've been writing in a playwriting workshop which is how I got involved with the Tarragon and the play Scorched — which is a departure for me as it is serious drama."

Zelniker also recently had his first taste of television writing, co-writing scripts of the TV series Check It Out starring Don Adams.

"It was a good experience to work with writers from the U.S. and I would like to do more televison writing."

Does that mean a move to Hollywood for the young scriptwriter?

"I'd like to give it a try some day but I don't know about living there full time. ~~There~~ are some good things happening in Canada right now which are quite interesting."

Indeed there are. Zelniker is currently work-


The concept of "unlike" things being equal is not a new one. As the case of the lead and feathers demonstrates, two unlike things can be made equal by a common factor, such as weight.

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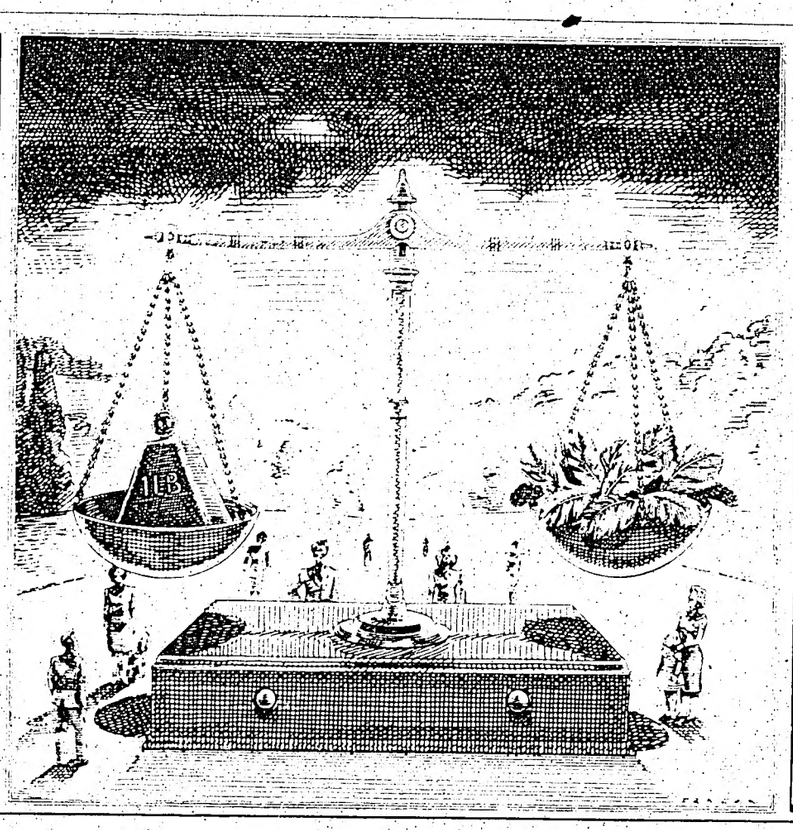

women's jobs have been lower paid. According to the most recent Canadian Census, the majority of women work at 20 out of 500 categories. These 20 are among the lowest paying jobs in our economy. Pay Equity is designed to recognize the true value of these jobs and to pay women fairly for their value.

WHAT'S BEING DONE?

As part of the commitment of the Government to Pay Equity, and in their efforts to promote the equality of women in the workplace, they have prepared a Green Paper to widen public awareness, and outline possible courses of action. Its purpose is to rectify pay discrimination based on the gender of the worker, not other instances of low wages. The wages of men will not be reduced to achieve pay equity. Any legislation will not be retroactive.

The Government recognizes that implementing Pay Equity will involve the efforts of employers, unions and all concerned persons.

Accordingly, they are calling for input from those who will be affected by Pay Equity to provide feedback and guidance to create fair and workable Pay Equity legislation. A series of public hearings will be arranged to discuss the various issues.

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pay, work of equal value in the same organization should be paid the same, regardless of the gender of the worker." "Seniority" is one example of a non-gender related factor.

In Canada, thousands of women work at jobs that are undervalued, and therefore suffer a kind of sex discrimination in remuneration. Their jobs may be the same value to their company as those of males in different jobs, but a wage gap exists in what they are paid. This imbalance is caused by many factors. Pay Equity deals with two of the major ones.

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**Arts**

*A star of Yiddish theatre*

# Lux-Burstein performs 1-woman show of her life

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

It was a nostalgia trip that veteran trouper Lillian Lux-Burstein took her audience on in her two performances of Memories of the Yiddish Theatre recently at Northview Collegiate presented by Chaim Avron.

**At 62 she is still able to entertain in the grand manner aided by Tomy Legrady, her wonderful accompanist at the piano. Her 1-woman show is a musical tour of her life, with many references to her husband, Pesach Burstein, now 82, also a star of Yiddish Theatre, and to her son, Mike, an international entertainer, who sings in 8 languages and to Mike's twin, Suzy, a member of the Four Bursteins act for many years.**

Her narrative leading up to each song appeared to hold as much interest for the audience as the songs themselves, touching as it did on the main currents of Yiddish life in America and Europe in this century. She made her debut as a 6-year-old, the youngest member of the Yiddish Art Theatre, in Kiddish Hashem, by Sholem Asch.

Lux-Burstein took part in the first Sunday morning Yiddish radio program in New York, sponsored by the newspaper Der Tog. "I remember that they set up a studio in the window of the dress store sponsoring the show and hung a loudspeaker outside. It was on Pitkin Ave. in Brownsville, Brooklyn."

**One of the early Yiddish radio programs of that day featured the father of Sidney Lumet, the well known Hollywood director, as the Brownsville Zayde, she said.**

When she played in the 2nd Avenue Theatre as a member of the chorus, the star, Fanny Lubitsky became ill, and Lux-Burstein took her place. The young man who used to walk her to the subway after the show was Walter Matthau.

At the President Hotel in the Catskills, her partner was the then unknown Danny Kaye and together they played in Awake and Sing and Death Takes a Holiday. She said Kaye went to every performance when she was the leading lady in productions at the Clinton Theatre in New York.

**She played opposite Jenny Goldstein and recalled that Jenny's dramatic talents in the tragic vein were so powerful that one man was able to put two sons through college on the money he made selling handkerchiefs outside the theatre.**

As a 16-year-old she set sail for Buenos Aires with Pesach Burstein to the good wishes of the whole Yiddish acting contingent who came down to wish them bon voyage on the S.S. Southern Cross. When the Southern Cross steamed into port, a plane dropped leaflets on the city, welcoming the pair. Later Lillian and Pesach were married in Montivideo, Uruguay.

She sang a number from A Chassaneh in Shtetl, which she said was performed all over the world, and recalled her success with Sholem Secunda's music, including Bei Mir Bist Du Shein. The South American part of her narrative led to a number that Carmen Miranda made famous.

**The evening took a serious turn when she spoke of the Bursteins' first encounter with a Nazi on the train that was taking them through Germany to Poland where they were to a appear at the Philharmonia Theatre in Lodz and later at the La Scala Theatre in Warsaw.**

Lux-Burstein also spoke of her appearances in Who is Guilty? by Louis Freeman at the Hopkinson Theatre in Brooklyn and in Sing, Israel, Sing, at the Clinton Theatre in 1950 and then in Argentina and Brazil.

She ended the tour with references to performances of Sholem Aleichem's the Magillah of Itzak Manger in South Africa, Australia and South America.

# *Children's books here for holidays*

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

A new crop of children's books has arrived, some for juvenile readers, and some for younger folk.

*The Explorer of Barkham Street (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $14.50)* is by Mary Stolz, whose more than 40 books have been enjoyed by millions of readers. Combining a blend of humor and warmth, she relates the story of a 13-year-old boy coming to terms with the world around him. Stolz writes in an easy-to-read style.

Pat Rhodes Mauser, in *Rip-Off (Collier MacMillan, $17.95)*, writes about a girl who befriends fast, dangerous company and pays for her mistake. Ginger Wilson, the central figure, goes to a new school and meets Doylita and her friends. She lives to regret the encounter. The moral dilemmas posed by the author are pertinent and timely.

In *The Eternal Spring of Mr. Ito (Collier MacMillan, $17.95)*, Sheila Garrigue tells younger readers who may not have known about the unjust internment of Japanese Canadians after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The action revolves around two families — one Japanese, the other Anglo Saxon — and how they respond to an emergency situation. A fine book.

For millions of immigrants, the Statue of Libery, in New York harbor, was the first sight they saw in the new world. To this day day, it remains a symbol of American freedom and liberty. *How They Built The Statue of Liberty (Random House, $14.50)* is a revealing sketchbook that shows how it was designed and constructed. A good lesson in history and architecture.

Kids who have a yen to cook or bake will like *The Anne of Green Gables Cookbook (Oxford University Press, $9.95)*. Inspired by L.M. Montgomery's famous children's story, this cookbook combines simple step-by-step recipes with nice watercolors of Anne and her friends and quotations from three of the Anne books.

Molly and David are newlyweds when they trek westward toward the prairies to farm unclaimed land there. They work hard and they are happy. But disaster strikes. *Let the Hurricane Roar (Fitzhenry & Whiteside,, $4.50)*, by Rose Wilder Lane, is a moving tale of pioneering life in the wilderness.

Children, particularly those under 10, have been known to spin fantastic tales. *Charlotte Cheetham: Master of Disaster (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $17.95)* is about one such little girl whose imagination runs completely wild. Hilarious.

*Bright Shadow (Collier MacMillan, $17.95)* is a story shrouded in mystery. Morwenna, aged 12, has a magical, dark secret. She meets wizards, travels through ghost-filled forests and descends on a city seething with rebellion. Avi, the author, embroiders Bright Shadow with a memorable cast of characters.

*Just One Friend (Collier MacMillan, $17.95)* is not easy to read, but it bears patience. Dory, having enrolled in a new school, wants a friend. She meets Robin, hoping she will help her find her way. But Robin already has a friend. Lynn Hall's poignant novel treats Dory's disappointment with empathy and understanding.

The Yearling, by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, won the 1938 Pulitzer Prize for fiction. The story of a backwoods Florida boy and his family, *The Yearling (Collier MacMillan, $28.50)* is really a novel for every taste and age. N.C. Wyeth's striking original paintings have been rephotographed.

If your child likes to write, refer him immediately to *Writing For Kids (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $5.95)*. Carol Lea Benjamin has quite a few interesting tips on how to improve a style.

Cosmetics fascinate girls, as well they should. *The Secret Life of Cosmetics (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $16.95)*, by Vicki Cobb, will no doubt interest girls from 10 to 14. She treats subjects like soap, lotions, fragrances and makeup.

The much younger set, that is kids up to 7 or 8, will probably enjoy the following selection.

*Don't Be My Valentine (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $14.50)* is a lark. *Don't Eat Spiders (Oxford University Press, $9.95)* contains silly, but wise, poems by Robert Heidbreder. *The Romper Room Book of ABCs (Doubleday, $6.95)* will appeal to parents trying to teach their kids the alphabet. The companion volume, *Book of 1, 2, 3s (same publisher and price)*, is worth buying as well.

A mouse in the role of a reporter? The editor of this newspaper should investigate this one! Leon Harris, in *The Great Diamond Robbery (Collier MacMillan, $16.50)*, tells us about a wily old French rodent who tires of the Louvre.

*Jennifer Has Two Daddies (The Women's Press, $4.95)* relates exceedingly well to a contemporary problem — divorce.


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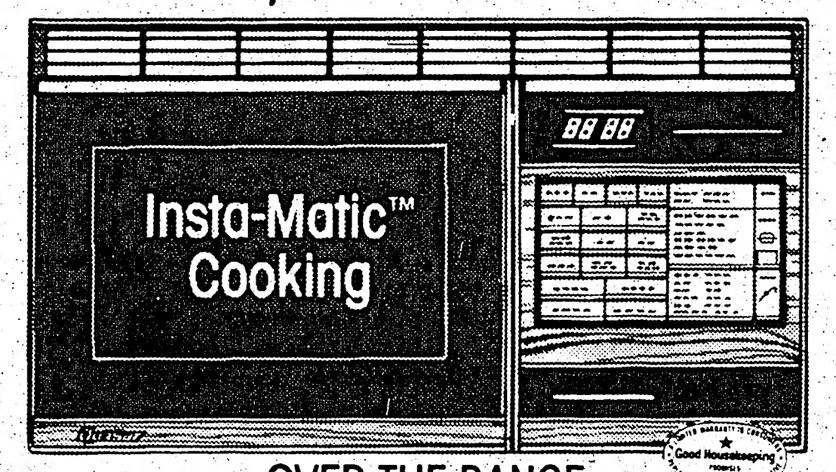

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# Arts

Sculptor Mary Hecht won $500 prize in international competition.

# Thanks to Nixon victory sculptor makes home here

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

**Her admirers like saying of Mary Hecht that "Richard Nixon's victory proved to be Canada's victory."**

Hecht is the New York-born sculptor who vowed in 1968 that if Nixon won the U.S. presidential elections, she'd take steps to move to Canada.

Fate has since vindicated her in making that choice.

This year a retrospective exhibition of her work at the Barnicke Gallery celebrated her 25 years as a highly gifted artist who wields a mallet and chisel to create masterworks in bronze and wood.

**And this month she won the $500 prize in an international competition sponsored by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College of Philadelphia. Her design for a bronze Harp of David mounted on traventine marble will serve as the annual award that the college's art festival will present to distinguished "reconstructors" in the arts.**

Broadway theatre impresario Joseph Papp last week was the first recipient to be presented with the Hecht-created Harp of-David Award.

Hecht, a 55-year-old, 5-foot-3 sculptor, who is proud of her "strong but long, aristocratic fingers," was in a happy mood when interviewed by The CJN in her Brunswick Ave. studio.

"I must please myself before I can please others," she said. "And I'm always pleased when I can please both."

**Hecht, an art teacher at York University and Humber College, began drawing when she was 5.**

**"I was a poor speller and couldn't add or subtract at school," she says. "But I guess I evened it out with my natural affinity for art."**

Her work ranges in price from $1,000 for a tiny sculptured piece to $15,000 fetched by her widely acclaimed, small-breasted, high-waisted, big-hipped creation, Northern Nude.

Her work is represented in collections throughout North America and Europe, and even in India, where her Discourse graced the collection of the late Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

"Sculpting is a terrible way to make a living, but it does have its emotional rewards — even though they're belated," she says.

She says she gets her kicks by looking at a piece five or 10 years after she has created it.

**"For a few minutes, I can see it as it's viewed through the eyes of a stranger and that's a terrific high," she says. "But it's a very brief few moments of satisfaction. Because then I begin to notice the inevitable flaws."**

Those interested in purchasing her work may see it exhibited at the Roberts Gallery, which serves as her agent.

## At Holy Blossom Temple

# *Hallel premiered by cantor*

By
RICK KARDONNE

TORONTO —

"The Gentile music at this time of year is very grand, so I wanted to create a Jewish music to match a similar feeling of grandeur."

So says New York composer-cantor Ralph Schlossberg in analyzing his Hallel, Psalms of Praise, which received its world premiere recently at Holy Blossom Temple, thanks to a joint commission from nine American congregations, Holy Blossom and the Toronto Council of Hazzanim. Cantor Benjamin Maissner of Holy Blossom was the driving force behind the commissioning process.

**Schlossberg represents the third generation of cantors in his family. For 13 years he was a full-time cantor and served two of the largest and most distinguished congregations in the New York metropolitan area, including the midtown Park Avenue Synagogue.**

Now he officiates as a pulpit cantor at the small Temple Shomrei Torah in the Newark, NJ, suburb of Hillside, and is a professional composer-arranger in the American popular and commercial music field.

This 50-minute Hallel consists of original musical settings to six pslams plus several Hallel prayer segments. It's written for solo cantor (Maissner), narrator (Rabbi Dow Marmur of Holy Blossom), adult choir, children's choir and a small orchestra ensemble consisting mostly of strings.

**Much to his credit, Schlossberg, who conducted the performance, utilizes a considerable variation of musical styles. They include a hora setting for Pslam 114, concluding with a faster minor key electric bass rhythm section.**

The first half of his treatment of Psalms 116, a dramatic semi-abstract setting to a particularly dramatic text, with a rumbling synthesizer background, is the most distinctive passage of the entire work.

More stark (but not gloomy) slower drama was found in the main part of Psalm 118, which opened with a brief, more oriental Israeli influence sung by the children's choir with direction by Susan Baskin. For a change of pace, the preceding brief Psalm 117 received a short major key reggae treatment by the children's choir.

Schlossberg's intelligent incorporation of contemporary musical venues and identifiably Jewish folk roots is more successful than his more traditionally melodic European lush romantic style which comprises the context for the remaining half of the Hallel (Psalms 113, 115, conclusion of 116 and concluding prayer-movements of the cantata).

**In this portion, beautiful dignity is carefully preserved at the expense of compeling emotion. The great romantic themes, from Chopin to Rachmaninoff to even the most popular Christmas carols, after which these segments were obviously patterned, contain gut-driving forces of passion.**

While there are recongizable melodies here, they're too deliberately simplified and orchestrally refined to convey the powerful religious passion evoked by the Psalms. As a result, their initial impact of beautiful dignity soon is frozen into a sameness of musical style amongst movements.

Schlossberg's Hallel succeeds in attaining grandeur when it attempts to be most confidently innovative. True innovation requires emotional conviction. So do the Psalms.

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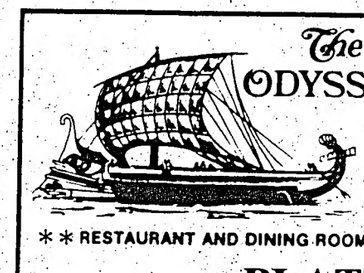

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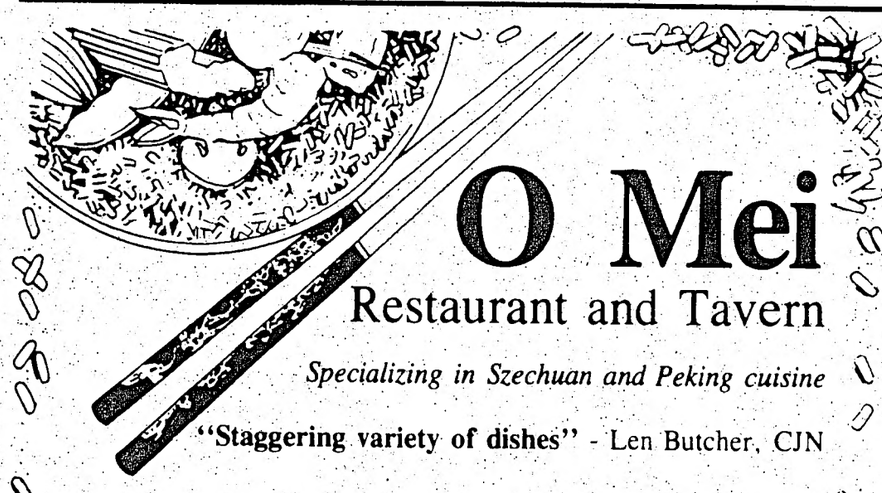

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# Kids of all ages will enjoy Young Sherlock Holmes

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO — *Young Sherlock Holmes*, currently playing here, is good escapist fare. Kids will particularly like it.

**Based on an original script by Chris Columbus, but inspired by Arthur Conan Doyle, Young Sherlock Holmes combines the elements of an old-fashioned British boy's adventure with the incredulous pyrotechnics of Steven Spielberg and his California crew.**

The film, which is set in mid-Victorian London, turns on the deaths of several elderly, respectable men who die under miserable circumstances. Each gentleman succumbs to terrible hallucinations after being struck in the neck by a thorn from a blowpipe.

The assassinations are carried out by a bizarre hooded figure who always manages to escape into the night. Sherlock Holmes (Nicholas Rowe), a precocious young man, comes into the picture after his dear friend and mentor, an eccentric doodler and inventor, is felled by one of the deadly thorns.

With the help of his faithful sidekick, John Watson (Alan Cox), Holmes brings to bear his vast intelligence and unlimited fortitude on the case. The villains just don't realize how resourceful a person our Sherlock can be in a crunch.

Early on, Holmes is established as a bookish, somewhat remote student cum-amateur sleuth whose remarkable powers of deduction have already been formed. No one in his right mind should fool with this gumshoe.

Watson, his sometimes unwilling acolyte, certainly takes him seriously. But against his better judgment, he becomes involved in a series of dangerous maneuvers which climax in a secret Egyptian temple in the dank slums of the city.

If nothing else, Young Sherlock Holmes is a film which conveys the mood of an era. The texture of Victorian London is evoked by black wrought iron fences and gaslight standards; by men and women bundled up in voluminous cloaks and shawls; by burnished wood-paneled libraries; by candle-lit dining rooms dominated by giant shadows.

And, as should be expected from a Spielberg production, the mechanical gimmicks and the special effects are dazzling. A viewer is immediately reminded of films like *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *Gremlins* and *Star Wars*.

There are times in Young Sherlock Holmes when Spielberg's fantastic toys threaten to divert attention from the proceedings at hand. But if you're patient, you won't be disappointed.

Through sheer force of personality, Nicholas Rowe dominates Young Sherlock Holmes. Alan Cox is much less effective.

We'll never know what Arthur Conan Doyle would have thought of Young Sherlock Holmes. He may well have been disappointed with its undue emphasis on technological trickery and its downplaying of sheer detective work.

**But even after its limitations are considered, Young Sherlock Holmes is a treat that adults and children alike will no doubt enjoy.**

School companions Nicholas Rowe (left), as the budding sleuth Holmes, and Alan Cox, as his sidekick Watson, experiment with the pleasures of pipe smoking while in Oxford's courtyard in Young Sherlock Holmes.

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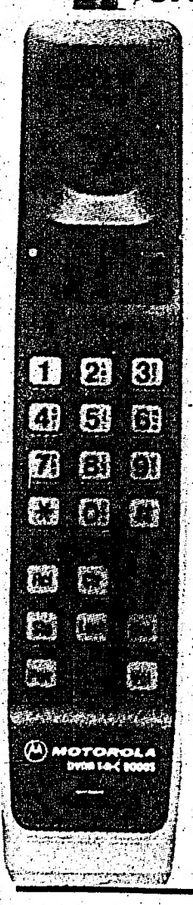


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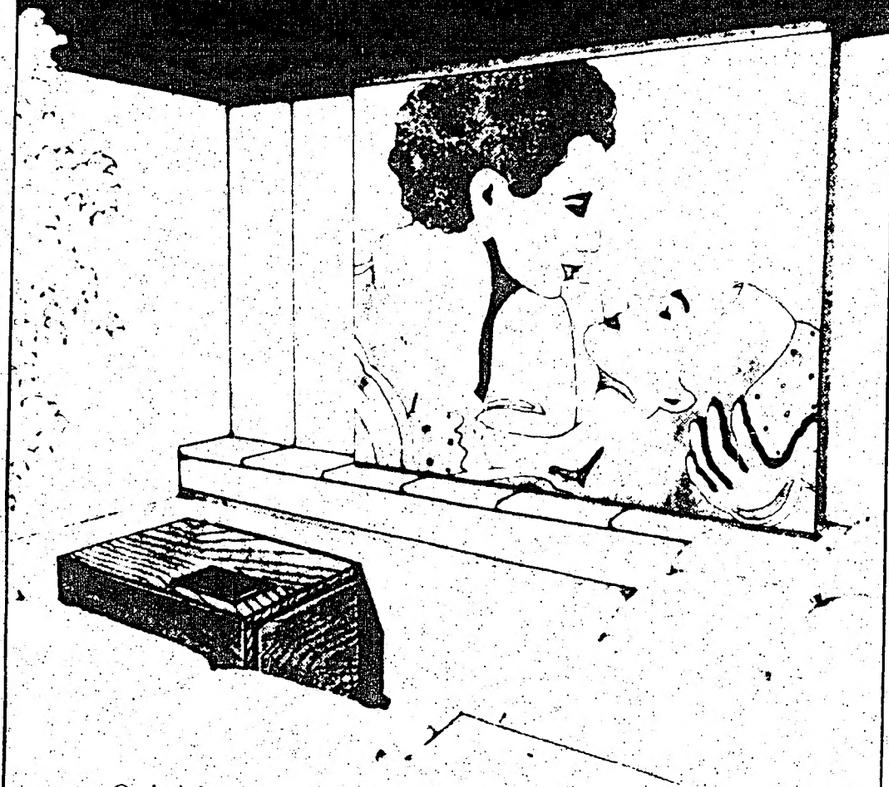


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# Arts

## *Gloomy, contrived piece of music*

# Toronto Symphony performs Cherney's latest opus

**music**

By RICK KARDONNE

Brian Cherney is a musicologist and composer who has taught at McGill since 1975. His excellent book on Harry Somers is considered to be the most authoritative volume on a Canadian composer yet written.

As a composer in his own right, Cherney's latest opus, Into the Distant Stillness . . . first performed at the 1984 World Music Days festival here, received four Toronto Symphony performances recently under the baton of Mario Bernardi.

It's a gloomy, contrived piece of music. While this 20-minute composition does contain occasionally melodic mood sequences and some interesting brass flourishes, the overall impression is that of a dingy haunted factory.

**The opening and closing slow segments, punctuated by loud drum bangs, resemble the score of a ghost movie. And the middle part is similar to the chaos of an orchestra tuning up. Lacking any sense of dramatic buildup to a climax, the conclusive slow-quiet segment drags into further airless gloom.**

Cherney's composition preceded a performance by pianist Arthur Ozolins of Rachmaninoff's technically demanding First Piano Concerto, which, however, lacks the melodic grandeur of his Second.

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**Toronto resident Moshe Yess,** formerly of Megama (My Zaidy), the folk-duo of the early 80s who championed assimilationist Jews returning to the fold, headlines the entertainment lineup for the North American Network convention here in Toronto with a concert Saturday night, Dec. 28. For further information call 928-9160.

Yess is an ideal choice for the Network convention. One must, however, seriously question Network's choice for the following Sunday night: a rock band. Certainly, especially in Toronto, there is much excellent specifically Jewish talent of all sorts. Why not give them some much-needed exposure?

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**Beyond the fact that Enrico Macias** was literally mobbed by adoring women fans following his recent O'Keefe Centre performance, is the reality of his show being one of the finest entertainment acts available anywhere.

This is because his show is the perfect blend of entertainment, humanitarian social-conscience, pride in identity and avant garde yet listenable excitement.

**France's top entertainer today, a Jew born in Algeria, is comparable in popularity at least in comparison to what Tom Jones was 15 years ago.**

Unlike Jones, however, his appeal is based not on gimmickry but on sincerity and ethnic pride. Therefore, when he sang one of his most famous hits, "I'm an Armenian Jew," he received one of the biggest of his numerous standing ovations.

Musically, his repertoire is admirably far more diverse than that of Jones, Aznavour, Iglesias, or any comparative equivalent. From French chansonier ballads to an electrifying fusion of Mideast folk styles and big band jazz arrangements, Macias' music is constantly diverse, emotionally involving and always fresh.

**Special praise is due to his big band which he brought with him, featuring a virtuoso kanoun (Mideast-sitar) performer and a dynamic West African conga-drummer, supported by a tightly funky brass section.**

A wildly enthusiastic audience brought Macias back on stage four times. One must wonder why, other than The CJN, this show received such scanty coverage in Toronto, both before and after.

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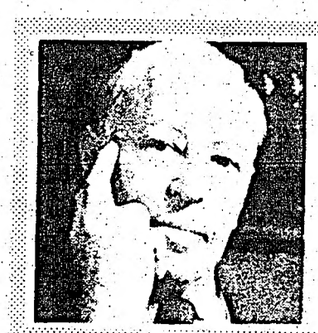
**Three Jewish theme musicals** recently opened in New York: Yours, Anne (musicalization of Anne Frank's diary), Tatterdemalion (based on Israel Zangwill's King of Schnorrers) and the Montreal-originated The Special, with music by Hair's Galt MacDermot. The Special closed soon after opening.

## Forewarned numerous potential victims

# *Young Jew worked in Gestapo office*



**books**

By BERNARD BASKIN

**Inside the Gestapo, by Helene Moszkiewiez. Macmillan, $23.95.**

For two years (1942-44) the author of this exciting memoir worked as an office clerk in the Brussels Gestapo headquarters. She was at the same time an undercover Resistance agent, a 23-year-old Jewish woman, willing to risk her life in order to combat the Nazi horror.

Despite her initial reluctance, she made her decision in the face of unceasing persecution of the Jewish community. Tragically, she was fated to see her husband of one week and her parents deported to death camps.

Having earned the trust of the Gestapo she successfully passed classified information to her friends. She was able to forewarn numerous potential victims and save the lives of many anti-Nazi agents.

Making full use of her good looks, quick wits, and exceptional bravery she engaged in a number of daring missions: hiding six British airmen for a week, freeing prisoners of war and driving them to the Swiss border, and killing a high-ranking Gestapo officer in a public park.

### Gripping account

Subtitled "A Jewish Woman's Secret War" the book is simply written. But it speaks for itself as a gripping and extraordinary account of espionage.

The author and her second husband emigrated from Europe to Vancouver 40 years ago and are still residents of that city.

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**Conversations with Isaac Bashevis Singer, by I. B. Singer and Richard Burgin. Doubleday, $22.95.**

Richard Burgin is a superb interviewer and Singer, with his customary frankness and informality, discusses a variety of subjects. These include literature, religion, Schopenhauer, Cabalists, Jewish history, the Jews of Vilna, the nature of creativity — and many others.

The Nobel Prize winner, always a wonderful subject, has been interviewed innumerable times in recent years on TV and by enterprising newspapers and magazines. But I was surprised by a broad range of new and illuminating questions. As always, Singer is the arch and lively octogenarian — witty, charming and provocative.

One question is typical: "I believe in God but I have my doubts about revelation . . . I believe that God is a silent God, and He must have a very good reason why He is silent. If He would begin to talk, He would have to speak in three thousand languages and in all kinds of dialects. God speaks in deeds, but the language of deeds is so large — its vocabulary is as large as the universe, perhaps. So we only understand a very small part of this language."

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**Christians and Jews: The Eternal Bond, by Stuart E. Rosenberg. Oxford University Press, $19.95.**

Rabbi Rosenberg's 17th book is an updated and revised version of Bridge to Brotherhood which was published many years ago and long unavailable.

The author is convinced that Jews and Christians need more information and knowledge about each other. Only then — with religious awareness and appreciation — can persons of goodwill live together in amity and understanding.

With an admirable breadth of scholarship the author deals succinctly, but authoritatively with what is basic and fundamental to Judaism and Christianity and how the two religions differ from each other. With discernment and lucidity such ideas as God, resurrection and immortality, sin, justice and love, are illuminated.

Even the well-informed reader will find much of the material instructive and edifying.

Hopeful about better relations, the rabbi writes: "Not only do the Vatican documents on the Jews but now also those of mainline Protestant churches urge their adherents to see in Judaism a vital religion, one with a long and honorable tradition. The centuries-old spirit of rivalry and triumphant superiority seems to have disappeared, and the once pervasive goal in coercing Jews into accepting Christianity is also waning. Furthermore, the Holocaust is no longer glossed over in silence or difference by Christians as not long ago it was."


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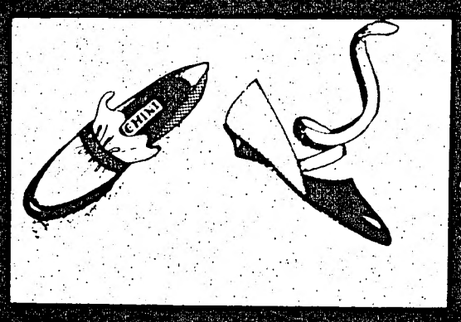

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## Songs in Yiddish for Chanukah

# Batsheva gives concert in St. John's

**ST. JOHN'S —**
Toronto singer/songwriter Batsheva performed songs in Yiddish to mark Chanukah for the Jewish community here in a recent concert sponsored by the Atlantic Jewish Council and the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Batsheva was brought back to St. John's for the second straight year after the success of her first concert in which she sang in celebration of Succoth.

**Her connection to the east coast dates back to 1982, when she won the Koom Koom International Song-Writing Competition sponsored by the Samuel Jacobs Foundation of Halifax. Following the competition, Batsheva did a concert tour which included Halifax, Moncton, Sydney and St. John's.**

Her award-winning song, Smaller Crowds, which is about Soviet Jewry, will be included on her forthcoming album, along with A Song Of Remembrance, which won the National Competition For Original Holocaust Literature, sponsored by the CJC.

The album, tentatively titled I, Batsheva, Singer, will feature the highlights of Batsheva's concert repertoire of songs in Yiddish, Hebrew, Ladino and English.

A professional singer for 15 years, Batsheva is a well-known performer in the Jewish community. She is the former host of Chai, the Jewish talk-show on CITY-TV and MTV in Toronto, and has appeared as a singer at many multicultural events.

She has also lived in Israel, where she worked as a singer with the Israel Broadcasting Authority.

## *Planetarium production needs good plot*

# Special effects can't do it all

By
**BEN ROSE**

**TORONTO —**
If theatre of the future will be something like Thunder, Perfect Mind, at the McLaughlin Planetarium until Dec. 22, then give me the old-fashioned kind.

This Toronto Free Theatre production written by 25-year-old Paul Gross of Alberta is full of stupendous special effects, and the appearance on videotape and film of some of Canada's best known actors. It requires more than 3,200 sound and lighting cues and 1,200 slides cued to music. But it doesn't have one good plot or one real moment of suspense.

Thunder, Perfect Mind proves that glittering technology cannot replace the human form and human emotions unless there are ideas to back it up.

On the basis of this attempted marriage of theatre and star gazing, the Planetarium should go back to its superb shows of outer space with the aid of laser beams.

There are arresting panoramic shots of Toronto's skyline and visual delights, many of them drawn by the gifted illustrator Robin Muller. Visually, it is a good show, with cartoons and paintings of arresting quality.

But what does this science fiction tale of a couple of innocents wandering in the void add up to? The innocents and only live actors in the play are Aggie Cekuta Elliot and Michael Riley. Their appearance, in the flesh, wandering around the base of the Planetarium's giant Zeiss projector, and speaking quite forgettable dialogue, does little but detract from the fireworks above.

Overhead the disembodied faces and voices of Niccolo Machiavelli, Thomas Hobbes, Friedrich Nietzsche, General Douglas MacArthur, Attila the Hun and Medea, among others, float along the dome. At other times they are replaced by St. John the Divine, Florence Nightingale, The Unknown Soldier and the Angel of Mercy (Salome Bey). Their discourse sounds like the undigested notes from texts and lectures in PolSci and PolPhi.

The music and songs, the lyrics of which were written and sung mostly by Paul Gross, seem quite suitable for a rock concert, but do little for the play itself.

Left to right: Aggie Cekuta Elliot (JoJo Rideout) and Michael Riley (Lake Dennison) in Thunder, Perfect Mind.

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# Travel

## *To Caribbean Islands and South America*

# Popular winter holiday cruises depart from Miami

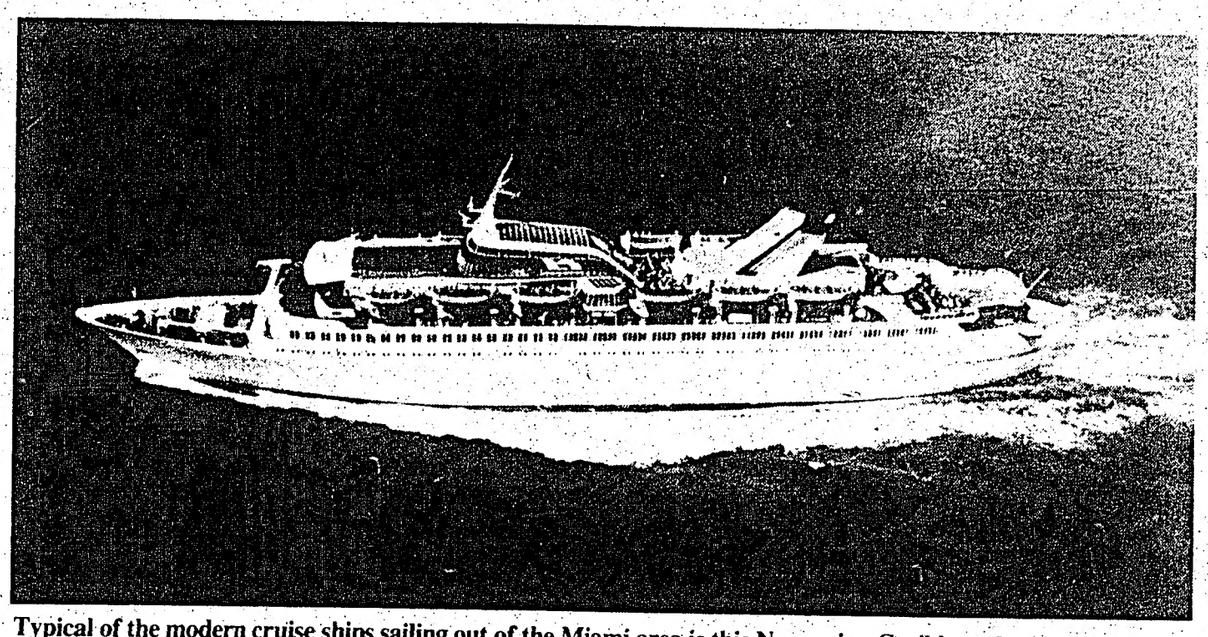
By
JAMES MONTAGNES

**MIAMI —**
This east coast Florida city has become not only a holiday destination but also a holiday departure point, for each week a dozen or so big cruise ships leave the Port of Miami or Fort Lauderdale or Port Everglades. Growth has been so fast this year two new terminals have been built at the Port of Miami along with a 500-seat restaurant.

From December to May you can board cruises of a day, five, seven, 10, 11 or 12 days from Miami and its two nearby seaports, to just about every important island in the Caribbean and even to the northern coast of South America. This winter also you may have a better chance to see Halley's Comet from shipboard in the Caribbean.

Most popular are the 7-day cruises, most of which depart on Saturdays and Sundays. For instance, on Jan. 4 Carnival Line's Holiday leaves Miami for St. Maarten, St. Thomas and Nassau, minimum price U.S.$945. The same day Costa Cruises' Riviera leaves Port Everglades for St. Thomas and St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Nassau in the Bahamas, minimum U.S.$995. That Saturday Home Lines' Atlantic sails from Port Everglades for Grand Cayman Island and Playa del Carman on Mexico's Yucatan coast, lowest price U.S.$775.

Also on Jan. 4 from Miami Commodore Line's Caribe I goes to St. Thomas, San Juan in Puerto Rico and Puerto Plata in Dominican Republic, minimum U.S.$725. Norwegian Line's Norway leaves Miami on Jan. 4 for St. Thomas, Nassau and the Bahamas Out Islands, minimum U.S.$1,195.



**Typical of the modern cruise ships sailing out of the Miami area is this Norwegian Caribbean Line's Skyward.**

That Saturday Norwegian Caribbean's Starward goes to the Bahamas Out Islands, Ocho Rios in Jamaica, Grand Cayman Island and Cozumel in Mexico, minimum U.S.-$975. Royal Caribbean's Song of Norway makes its weekly trip from Miami to Grand Cayman, Ocho Rios, Playa del Carmen and Cozumel, lowest U.S.$1,265. The same line's Sun Viking sails that day from Miami for St. Thomas, Basseterre and Fort de France in the French West Indies, St. George's on Grenada and terminates at Bridgetown on Barbados.

This gives you a good idea what is available from the Miami area for week-long cruises in the Caribbean where there is plenty of opportunity to sunbathe on deck and the waters are fairly smooth during the winter season.

There are many other ships of other lines which go to other islands and Caribbean mainland ports. One such is Sitmar Line's Fairwind which makes a 10-day cruise from Jan. 8 to St. Thomas, St. Johns on Antigua, Bridgetown, Fort de France on Martinique, St. Croix and Nassau, minimum U.S.$1,555.

An 11-day cruise is slated for Jan. 18 on Sitmar's Fairwind to leave Fort Lauderdale for destinations as far south as the Panama Canal and the San Blas Islands off Panama, minimum U.S.$1,710.

Every winter month sees as much variety from the three Miami area ports. Cruises are growing in popularity and the attractions on the ships are numerous.

The ships are either recently built for cruising or restored from former trans-Atlantic liners. They all provide first class evening entertainment with well known musicians and singers, sometimes complete theatrical groups. There are dances and costume balls aplenty, the latest movies, nearly all ships have some gambling facilities, there are numerous bars on several decks, food is usually of gourmet quality and variety for main meals and snacks morning and afternoon at poolside; there are gymnasiums and deck sports. Or you can take it easy, make new friends, catch up on your reading or watch the never-ending flights of seagulls.

Cruising appeals because it eliminates the need for frequent hotel changes when visiting different places — the trip is your hotel. The different islands and mainland ports gives variety in seeing new places. There are no airport hassles.

You'll need a passport or citizenship papers for most places in the Caribbean region to go ashore for a few hours — but no need for visas.

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# *Famous chain opens new hotel in Mississauga*

By
LORI SMITH

**MISSISSAUGA —**
Novotel, an internationally renowned hotel chain, has recently opened its first outlet in Canada.

The newest link in the Novotel chain is located in Mississauga at the corner of Burnamthorpe and Hurontario, a site chosen because of its proximity to Pearson International Airport, Toronto and the heart of Mississauga.

**ACCOR North America Corp., a Paris-based hotel and restaurant management and development company of which Novotel is a subsidiary, is working with the Matthews Group, a Canadian developer, to introduce the chain to Canada.**

The hotel was officially opened by Hazel McCallion, the mayor of Mississauga, at a ribbon-cutting ceremony and gala celebration.

McCallion welcomed the hotel to the city and said that now when people say they are going downtown they won't mean Toronto, they will mean Mississauga.

The chairman of the board of ACCOR, Gerard Pelisson, said that he was pleased that the first Canadian Novotel opened in Mississauga, one of the greatest cities in Canada.

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# Travel

## Books focus on Canada and Toronto

# *Nation's diversity showcased*

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

**The books under review will enhance your appreciation of Canada as a tourist destination and of Toronto as a city that works.**

*Canada: Coast To Coast (Collins, $39.95)* is, in a word, exquisite. Containing beautiful, high-quality photographs of Canada's 10 provinces and two territories, this is an album that is hard to put down.

Compiled by Grace Deutsch and Avanthia Swan, it invites a reader to tour Canada at his or her own pace. From the fishing villages of the Maritimes to the alpine peaks of the Rockies, Canada: Coast To Coast is nothing less than a tribute to Canada's amazing diversity.

A foreigner flipping through its glossy pages might be forgiven if he reached the conclusion that Canada is a blessed land.

*Toronto Since 1918 (James Lorimer, $26.95)*, by University of Toronto geographer James Lemon, traces the city's metamorphosis in political, economic and social terms.

Once referred to as the Belfast of North America, Toronto has changed into a trendy, sophisticated and multicultural metropolis that is eminently livable.

Before Toronto's basically British character was ineradicably overturned by post-World War II immigration, the Jews were the largest ethnic group in the city, comprising 7.3% of its population, Lemon points out.

Today, the Jews are merely one of many different groups making up Toronto's mosaic. And with the influx of hundreds of thousands of European and Asian immigrants to Toronto, Jews now comprise only 4.2% of the population.

Lemon's book is well illustrated by black-and-white photographs showing Toronto's gradual development into a world-class centre.

For over 150 years, the buildings on the northeast corner of Adelaide St. East and George St., in Toronto, witnessed enormous changes in their immediate surroundings.

By the 1970s, no one could remember who their architects had been. In *Stones, Bricks and History (Lester & Orpen Dennys, $9.95)*, Judy and Sheldon Godfrey tell of how they restored these historical buildings. And in the process, the authors recreate an era that, in a sense, has now come full circle.

For handy reference, a traveler should not be without *Webster's Atlas of World Geography (Doubleday, $14.95)*. Not enough people realize how useful an atlas can be when they're planning their trips.

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# Travel

*Numerous all-expense package ski trips*

# Switzerland offers you a wonderful ''winterlude''

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

**Skijoring behind galloping horses is a specialized sport at St. Moritz, high in Switzerland's Alps.**

GENEVA —

You are never far from Swiss ski slopes and cross-country ski trails if you land at the Geneva International Airport. It is only a few hours travel by car, electric train or highway bus to ski slopes at such well known ski resorts as Zermatt, Sass-Fee, Gstaad, Les Diablerts and others.

There is skiing in Switzerland from December to mid-April, and at some resorts above 1,525 metres (5,000 feet) there are aerial cable cars to higher altitudes where good skiing can last into mid-June.

From Zurich, Switzerland's largest city, ski areas around Arosa, Davos, Interlaken, St. Moritz, Grindelwald and others are easily accessible.

Switzerland has done a great deal to promote Alpine skiing, to make the most of the numerous snow-covered mountain peaks in this small central European country which is about the size of the province of Nova Scotia.

There are now close to 165 ski schools in Switzerland with some 2,500 ski instructors. They give half-day ski lessons for beginners and advanced skiers. The schools claim they can teach novices the rudiments of the sport in 12 hours.

While downhill skiing is the main sport here, with all kinds of ski lifts transporting people to ever higher slopes, cross-country skiing is growing in popularity. The most enthusiastic Alpine skier will try, for a change of pace, to follow a trail through the woods on skis.

Last year Switzerland marked a century since some sport enthusiasts decided that all that mountain snow was not just scenery, that the Scandinavian use of skiing could be applied to the snow. Today skiing is the most important tourist attraction during the winter months, almost surpassing the total of summer tourists in numbers.

**There are numerous all-expense package ski trips to Switzerland from Canada and other North American regions. Such packages, ranging from a week to a month, allow for air fare, special accommodation rates, ski lift fees, transportation within Switzerland with a Eurailpass or Swiss Holiday Card, or half-fare travel card or senior citizen travel card.**

**If you want to rent a car, you can find special rates during the ski season. The Swiss National Tourist Office at Toronto, Air Canada and Swissair, and your travel agent can supply details.**

If you are not a skier the Swiss winter vacation has other attractions. For instance, most Swiss resort areas have hiking trails through forests in valleys and on mountain slopes, some have riding stables where you can find horses used to covering snowy trails or even making their way over icy lakes.

There are even horse races on snow-covered tracks at Arosa and St. Moritz, while there are horse jumping events at Davos.

Skijoring by horse-power is a specialty at St. Moritz where the sport has been popular for decades.

Newest sport is ski-boating, with participants seated on a boat-like sled start down fairly steep slopes. Tobaganning is popular too, and if you are really adventurous you can try bob-sledding, traveling in a 1-man or team bob-sled down an iced and banked runway at speeds that can reach close to 50 miles an hour.

**Curling is also becoming a popular sport, having been initiated by Scottish visitors many years ago. Ice skating on natural and artificial ice rinks is always present at winter resorts, with fancy skating attracting many.**

**Switzerland is a land of healthy sports, and fitness centres are increasing in numbers for visitors. There are many indoor swimming pools and there are saunas at many hotels and sport clubs.**

And when the day's outdoor activities are over, Swiss resorts go in for dancing, even folkdancing, concerts and theatricals, while there are museums almost everywhere — from historical museums in major cities, art galleries, clock and watch museums in the northwest area around La Chaux-de-Fonds, castles to visit at Neuchatel, and near Montreux, zoos at Basle and Berne, an Air Force museum at Dubendorf, and a trip on the Glacier Express from Zermatt to St. Moritz.

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# Israeli team holds its own at gymnastic meet

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

For the 5-strong Israeli gymnastics contingent here recently to compete at the 23rd World Gymnastics Competition at the Olympic Velodrome, realistic prospects precluded the possibility of going home with a medal.

The best the Jewish gymnasts could hope for, with nations like the USSR, China, and East Germany as usual dominating and sweeping the week-long event, was a crack at staying within the parameters of world-level performance.

This they did.

Entering the championships, Israel's men were ranked 25th, second to last among competing nations. Only New Zealand placed worse.

On the women's side, Israel ranked 24th after the last World Gymnastics competition in Budapest in 1983 when Finland, New Zealand, and Denmark all finished up behind the Israelis.

In 1985, Israel held its own.

**Jacob Levy, 21, who trains with the Hapoel Cholom gymnastics club, was the veteran on the squad. As the Israeli men's national gymnastic champion, Levy competed in the 81 World championships and the 84 Olympics in Los Angeles, as well as garnering four bronze medals at the last Maccabiah games.**

Israel delegation head Yehoshua Sheflan told The CJN at a pre-competition reception for the gymnasts organized by Maccabi Canada that Levy had the best potential of all the Israelis here to compete.

Levy scored relatively impressive numbers in at least some of the individual events.

## Tallies fine scores

In the compulsories, Levy tallied a very respectable 9.55 in the vault and a 9.35 on the rings, followed by lesser numbers of 9.00 on the parallel bars and floor exercises, an 8.90 on the high bar, and an 8.60 on the pommel horse, for a total of 54.40.

He didn't do quite as well in the optionals, scoring figures of 9.30, 9.30, 8.95, 9.20, 7.90, and 8.50 in the same events respectively for a total of 53.15 and a combined score of 107.55.

(The USSR's Yuri Korolev took first place with an individual all-round total of 117.850.)

**Israel's second male competitor, 22-year-old Eyal Visblit, who also trains with Hapoel Cholom was Israel's 1984 national gymnastic champ and a veteran of both the 1981 and 1983 World Championships, finishing 139th overall among entrants.**

Visblit finished up his routine at the Velodrome with a combined total of 105.65, racking up 53.15 in the compulsories and 52.50 in the optionals. His best showing was in the vault event with marks of 9.45 and 9.20, and a couple of other 9.20's in the floor exercises.

Except for a 9.00 and a 9.10 in the high bar, all of Visblit's other scores were lower.

Israel's female contingent started off with three gymnasts but that shrunk to two after 15-year old Tali Ostfeld, tied for second overall at home with 20-year-old compatriot Tali Sirek, injured herself during the compulsories.

Sirek, a 3-time Israeli national gymnastics champion from Hapoel Tel-Aviv, rung up a 70.775 total, scoring 35.100 in the compulsories and 35.675 in the optionals. Of the four women's events — the vault, uneven bars, beam, and floor exercises — Sirek gave her best shot in the optionals vault and floor exercises, scoring 9.175 and 9.00 respectively.

(The competition's best all-round female performances were put in by the USSR's Elena Shoushounova and Oksana Omeliantchik, tied at 78.663 points.)

**Fifteen-year-old Sharon Revital, ranked fourth in Israel and trained at Hapoel Kiryat Bialik, scored marks of 34.70 in the compulsories and 35.250 in the optionals for a combined total of 69.95. Her best effort was in the optionals vault event with a 9.20.**

Only one of the male gymnasts, Levy, succeeded in winding up among the top 100 competitors, in 94th spot, something delegation head Sheflan had been hoping for. Visblit finished 110th overall, Revital 120th among women, and Sirek 113th. One hundred and fifty men and 158 women entered the competition.

Sheflan said that the Israeli mix of two boys and three girls, with its balance of youth and experience — three were aged 20-years-old and over, the other two 15 — was a good combination to bring to Montreal.

Israel's biggest problem, said Sheflan, was the same one beleaguering every facet of its society — financing. The amount of money needed to be spent on developing gymnastic talent that could at least start to make some headway and be taken seriously is simply not there. Gymnastics, understandably, is not among the Jewish state's top priorities.

**A second problem, according to Sheflan, is that Israel has just one usable training centre properly equipped and staffed to train its gymnasts — the Wingate Institute in Netanya.**

Gymnasts have to spend two hours traveling to and from the centre for only three hours worth of training. By comparison, top level nations house their gymnasts and spend up to six hours per day in training.

## B'nai B'rith hockey scores for the week of Dec. 12.

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**Player of the week was Jeff Fruitman of the TFL Whalers.**

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**Player of the week was David Axelrod of the Don Mills Axemen.**

**C DIVISION**

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Canyon Ultacuckers 4 — Maccabiah Weiss Guys 0
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TFL Flood 5 — Maccabiah Toe Biz 2
Don Mills Wasters 1 — TFL Flyers 0
LMOL Furriers 4 — TFL Refiners 2

**Player of the week was Randy Koskie of the Manor Metro Angels.**

# Greenfeld tops racquetballers

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

It looks like Jewish racquetball players have a stranglehold on the top ranking in Canada. Top-seeded Lindsay Meyers of Vancouver retired last year only to be succeeded by Sherman Greenfeld of Winnipeg.

Greenfeld, who was featured on the cover of the American National Racquetball Magazine in November, 1984, has been playing competitively for seven years. Always athletic, he started playing at age 14 when he happened to join a friend at the Courts Sports Club one summer day.

"I had nothing better to do at the time so I joined the club and went at it five hours a day," he says. Under the guidance of the club pro who spotted his potential, he quickly became the best player in Manitoba.

**"I found I preferred individual sports such as racquetball and squash to team sports like hockey because winning or losing is entirely dependent on myself.**

**"The turning point came with the CBC Racquetball Classic four years ago. I gained experience playing against some of the best players in the world. That boosted my confidence and made the difference between being just good and being the best."**

Two years ago, Greenfeld joined the Canadian National Racquetball Association's professional tour. The tour consists of Canada's top 16 players traveling across the country to compete. The season runs from September until the National Championships in May.

As one of the top two players this year, Greenfeld won a trip, compliments of CP Air, the tour sponsor, to Australia for 2½ months. "It was the first real holiday I've had in nine years," he says. "It improved my game. I came back refreshed mentally and keen to get back into the game."

Unlike other sports with multi-million dollar player contracts, racquetball offers its professionals a limited livelihood.

**Because the court is enclosed on three sides, there is very little seating capacity for fans. The ball moves too fast for the TV cameras and there is little press coverage.**

Sherman Greenfeld

**Greenfeld sees himself playing competitively for another five years before hanging up his racquet.**

In the meantime, he supplements his income as the pro at the Courts Sports Club and by giving clinics across the country. He also has obtained a Bachelor of Education degree and hopes ultimately to be a high school teacher while continuing to contribute to the growth of racquetball in Canada.

"The sport is leveling off," he says. "It was very popular a few years ago, but growth now is minimal. The most important thing is to concentrate on the junior programs. Hopefully, they will run the organization down the road."

**Is racquetball a "Jewish" game? "Certainly there are a lot of Jewish players," says Greenfeld. "Our club has a fair share and six of the top 15 American players when I started were Jewish."**

Incidentally, don't be surprised if another Jewish name tops the list when Greenfeld decides to retire. The top junior in Manitoba is 15-year-old Ari Posner, who won the Canadian National Championship for 16-year-olds and under in Saskatoon last June.


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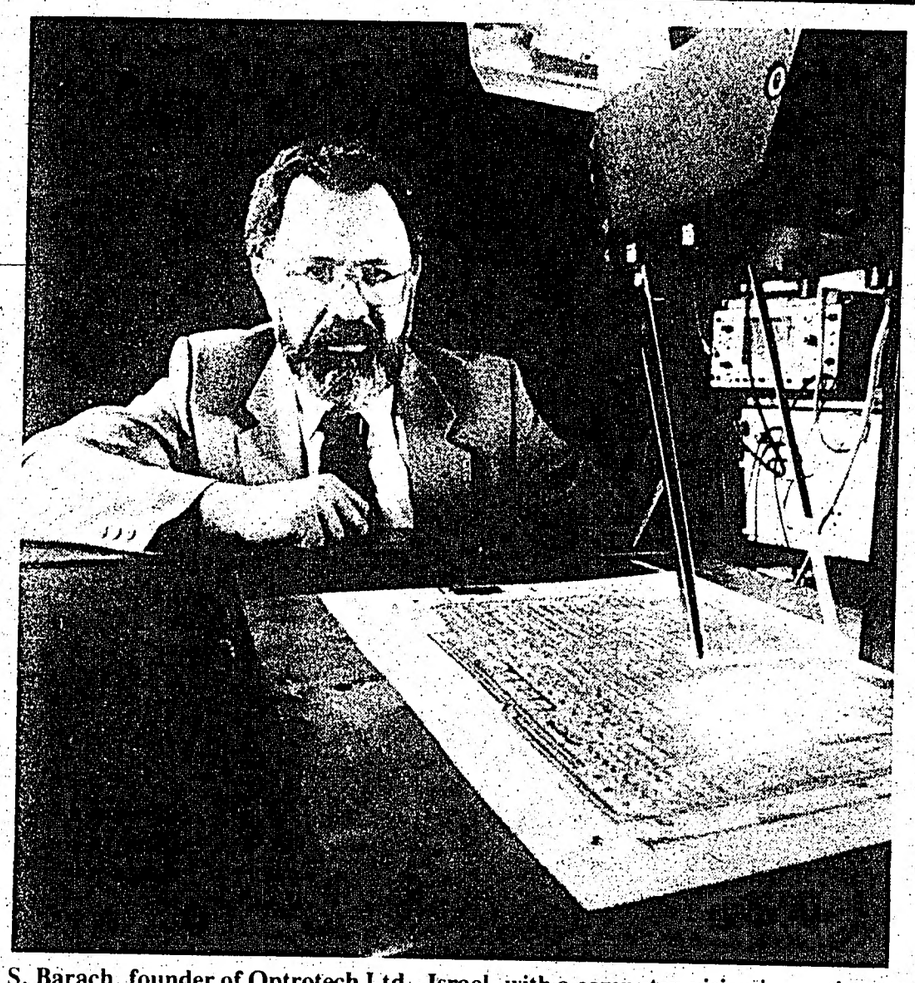

S. Barach, founder of Optrotech Ltd., Israel, with a computer-vision inspection unit that searches for imperfections on printed-circuit boards.

# *Israel's technology keeps on advancing*

By YITZCHAK DINUR

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— An independently developed fist-sized deep-freeze unit weighing slightly more than one kilogram and operating on a mere 20 watts of electricity has, since 1982, become the export hit of the Israeli Reekor Co. belonging to Kibbutz Ein Harod, and there is a prototype of a new model which will be ready for sale by 1986. This small firm is an example of the kind of company which keeps Israel's technology constantly moving ahead.

**Israel is among the few countries that became independent since World War II and also managed to jump into the high technology club. Recognition of this technological capacity is indicated by the number of international businessmen who come to Israel for high-technology transactions and by giant electronics companies that have established Israeli branches.**

Of the 11 Outstanding Exporter Prizes awarded in 1984, seven went to high technology firms: the top two prizes went to Motorola Israel Ltd. and to Haifa Chemicals Ltd.

In a special section on Israeli technology and science based industry, Scientific American noted Israeli achievements in electro-optics, biomedical engineering, sophisticated agriculture, solar energy, computer aided design and manufacture, with a population no larger than that of New Jersey or Birmingham in Britain. Among the examples offered are:

• El-Da of Jerusalem, which has developed an entrance checking system using human fingerprints.

• Scitex of Herzlia, which maintains its world lead in computer graphics. Last year it began selling a system for sending colored pictures over distances instantly.

• Laser Industries Ltd. of Tel Aviv, which has given surgeons ideal lasers for eye operations.

• Fibronics of Haifa, which is marketing a new cable containing a quarter of a million optical fibres.

Tadiran's electronics range and Elscint's computerized medical scanners are so well known as to scarcely need a mention.

**Four-year-old Optrotech Ltd. of Ness Ziona, south of Tel Aviv has begun manufacturing the first widely commercially available automatic computer-vision inspection system for detecting flaws in the complex printed-circuit boards which are the basis of today's electronics.**

**Optrotech is only one of a profusion of Israeli computer firms; but most of the others are specialized software houses. That makes Israel ideal for developing robotics systems, all of which are based on complex software.**

Israel leads the world in solar energy, with a number of distinguished original developments in solar technologies. Luz Industries has for the first time made solar reflectors into a viable system for generating electricity. Solar ponds for electricity and heat were conceived and developed entirely in Israel.

Solar soil sterilization techniques (non-polluting) were entirely developed at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Under development are hydro-solar greenhouses for high value crops in which fuel needs for heating/cooling are drastically reduced.

The economic situation in Israel may be shaky, but the country's technological structure is sound. Its technological success stems from the combination of a stream of innovative products and encouragement of high-tech industry by government and universities, almost all of which have established science-based industries campuses and industrial liaison companies.

**Some degree of planning by firms which searched for neglected niches in world markets also helped. In this way Elbit developed a type of computer that did not interest IBM, and Scitex did the same with advanced computerized printing equipment. Tadiran sells a specialty air-conditioner in the U.S. for apartments without provision for standard air conditioners.**

The products themselves arise from breakthroughs achieved by Israel's highly educated workforce who receive relatively low wages compared with North Americans. A not-yet-eroded tradition of low work mobility simplifies management of long-range development programs.

While the lower level personnel have been trained in good vocational high schools, the engineers and industrial scientists have graduated from institutions such as the Technion in Haifa, the Hebrew University, and Tel Aviv University and Ben-Gurion University.

**But Israel's very success seems to have outstripped its manpower resources: Israel now lacks 2,000 engineers, and the universities are finding it difficult to expand their facilities in this area fast enough. Efforts to attract some of the many Israeli engineers abroad have been only moderately successful.**

Israeli ingenuity and education have produced technology as good as any in the world, from solar pools to tiny computer components. This capacity for turning good ideas into good technology and sophisticated products is a warranty for Israel's future well-being.


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# *New treat for Hamilton*

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — There's a new bagel in town and rumor has it that not only are Torontonians beginning to clamor for it but even visiting Montrealers are taking it home.

Trust a guy from the Bronx to come up with a bagel that's threatening to run away with the honors.

**But the real surprise is that the new bagel isn't the result of years of experience but a brand new venture, albeit entered into after most meticulous research, not to mention a year of tasting and baking bagels from Florida to Montreal and just about any place in between.**

For Steve Delman, just turned 50, it's his third career change. He started out as a psychologist in his native New York, worked with exceptional and handicapped children and adults and as a superintendent of special education schools in New York state before coming to Hamilton in 1973 as the director of a residence for mentally handicapped teenagers.

His wife Shirley, a Montrealer who met her husband in New York, has a business background and in 1977 the two decided to make a complete break and go into the dry cleaning business together. They owned several stores and then bought a small store in Westdale, intending it as a dropoff for dry cleaning.

**"But," explained Steve recently in the office above the store, where he joined Shirley for a few moments between tending to the bakery and store, "I felt it had greater potential."**

"I began to look at it with different eyes" and after giving it some considerable thought, he decided "that nobody here was doing bagels."

He began to research, traveling to bakeries and tasting, watching, baking and collecting recipes.

Finally a notice appeared on the door of the store announcing a deli. Then a bright yellow awning with the name: Village Bagel. And while everyone waited — and waited — out in the back the Delmans were quietly building a modern bakery with all the latest equipment, including the redwood boards reputed to produce the best bagels.

When the store finally opened last July, says Shirley, "we were so busy you couldn't see the floor!"

The store is tiny, in gleaming white and yellow and with everything "first class" as Steve wanted it.

**There are 12 varieties of bagels, from plain to the usual onion, poppy and sesame seed to whole wheat, garlic and super egg (garlic with sesame and poppy seeds) to the most popular of all, the cinnamon and raisin bagel. Just try and buy that one at 4 p.m.!**

**Both feel they've found the right business and so, evidently, do their children. Twenty-year-old Alan, a York University student, spent last summer helping to get the bakery off the ground; Andrea, in grade 13, comes in after school and weekends and when her parents were away, was in at 7 a.m. to get bakery orders out before going to school and even 12-year-old Aimee helps out in the store.**

But it's the bagel that's really taken off and they are now selling to local stores, restaurants, the Convention Centre and the new Sheraton Hamilton, City Hall and hospitals and "even people in Toronto are interested in buying. But," adds Shirley, "I feel we should wait and learn to crawl before we walk."

# *Services combined for the disabled*

TORONTO — A unique range of programs and services for the disabled adult is now available under one roof with the opening recently of the Sunnybrook Aids-For-Living Centre's renovated facility at Sunnybrook Medical Centre.

The Aids-For-Living Centre, formerly a prosthetic program opened to service veterans after the Second World War, was transferred from the federal government to Sunnybrook Medical Centre in 1982.

**The program has been expanded to provide services ranging from customized prostheses and orthotic devices including legs, arms, artificial eyes, noses and ears, to special clinics for custom seating in wheelchairs and followup for patients with neuromuscular diseases.**

Following the transfer to Sunnybrook Medical Centre, the Aids-For-Living Centre underwent a major renovation program to upgrade its 40-year-old facilities, and it marks the beginning of a comprehensive service for disabled adaults in a modern and comfortable setting.

Due to diseases such as cancer, or congenital deformaties, some people are left without facial features, causing them to shy away from being seen in public. The Centre's head and neck restorative prosthetist fashion synthetic color-matched eyes (complete with lashes and brows), noses, ears, fingers and more, to restore normal appearance and the confidence of her clients.

**For those who have lost an entire arm, or an arm and a shoulder, a new bionic arm has been designed which allows control of both the artificial elbow and hand. This revolutionary prosthesis is stimulated by the nerves and muscles in the residual limb.**

The Aids-For-Living Centre is the sole Canadian distributor of the Matrix wheelchair — a customized seat which literally "grows with the patient," is reshapeable and can be recycled. This system of total body support allows the client to stay in their chair in comfort for longer periods of time.

## Business Outlook

# Winning essay outlines future of talented teen

By
JEFF ROSEN

**TORONTO —**
Today the Bronfmans, Kofflers and Posluns rule the roost in the Jewish community with their many business and philanthropic activities. The future though may belong to young people like Jeffrey Feig.

**This 19-year-old Torontonian was recently named a winner of the Schulich Award for Entrepreneurship in the Toronto Junior Achievement program, receiving a $1,500 scholarship along with five other teenage achievers from across Canada.**

The award was established by Seymour Schulich, partner, vice-president and secretary at Beutel, Goodman & Company Ltd., investment counselors in Toronto to encourage the development of entrepreneurship in Canada.

The theme addressed by the six Junior Achievers was: As an entrepreneur, how can you make a difference in our society.

Feig said he eventually expects to establish his own national business, either in the commercial development, manufacturing, distribution or retail sectors. And as he explained in his winning essay in the JA program, there is more to entrepreneurship than profits:

**"When I become an entrepreneur I know I will benefit our society through the many endeavors I will undertake which are part of being an entrepreneur. I will make a difference in society by helping our economy showing social responsibility and by helping to ensure a continuation of our free enterprise economic system and our democratic form of government.**

Jeffrey Feig

"The entrepreneur should also help the less privileged people of society by showing good corporate and social responsibility. As an entrepreneur I intend to use my resources to help many sectors within society that otherwise will not be allowed to exist. I will accomplish this not only through cash donations but by giving my time, knowledge and experience."

A graduate of York Mills Collegiate, Feig is currently attending the University of Western Ontario where he is enrolled in the social science program. Feig said he will apply to business school next year.

This community-minded student has been a Big Brother to a child with Down's Syndrome, a leader of a Cub Scout pack and has worked on the election campaigns of Tory leader Larry Grossman in St. Andrew-St. Patrick and Joe Palozzi in Dovercourt.

**Feig has won numerous JA awards including achiever award of excellence, outstanding marketing company of the year, $500 sales club and the executive award pin.**

**"I worked hard in Junior Achievement and in the community and it's nice to get recognized," Feig told The CJN.**

He was also a finalist for outstanding achiever of the year, outstanding president of the year, outstanding administration company of the year and outstanding company of the year.

While in high school Feig was chairman of student council elections, advertising editor of the school yearbook, chairman of the school United Way campaign and grade 13 caucus leader on student council executive.

# *Kosher cooking author's love*

**TORONTO —**
When Sandra Ruben Temes began working on her kosher cookbook, Welcome To My Kitchen, she utilized her experience from an 18-year career as a cook and cooking instructor.

Temes was the first person in Toronto to operate a combined cookware shop and cooking school in her home, and she became aware of the need for a well-written cookbook that would give clear, accurate instructions to experienced cooks and beginner alike.

**"I feel that all cultures should maintain their heritage and so I concentrate on Jewish traditions in my cooking," she explains.**

And she adds some impressive expertise to those traditions. Temes has studied with such culinary icons as the late Michael Field in New York, the Cordon Bleu school in London, and holds a certificate in haute cuisine from George Brown College in Toronto.

What started as the germ of an idea, growing out of Temes' perception of her students' needs, became an all encompassing project that has taken her several years to complete.

**Because she wanted to retain complete control of her book, Temes decided to publish it herself. The type is large and easy to read and most recipes are spaced one to a page. Each chapter begins with its own table of contents and the book is encased in a heavy vinyl 3-ring binder that folds back on itself to form a stand.**

When the first printing of the book sold out, Temes decided to make revisions before going into a second printing. The new edition contains notes on freezing and pre-preparation of recipes and instructions for use with food processors.

In addition to well-tested recipes for everything from dips to ducks, salads to sauces, Temes has notes on cooking techniques, a glossary of cooking terms and a selection of Shabbat and holiday menus.

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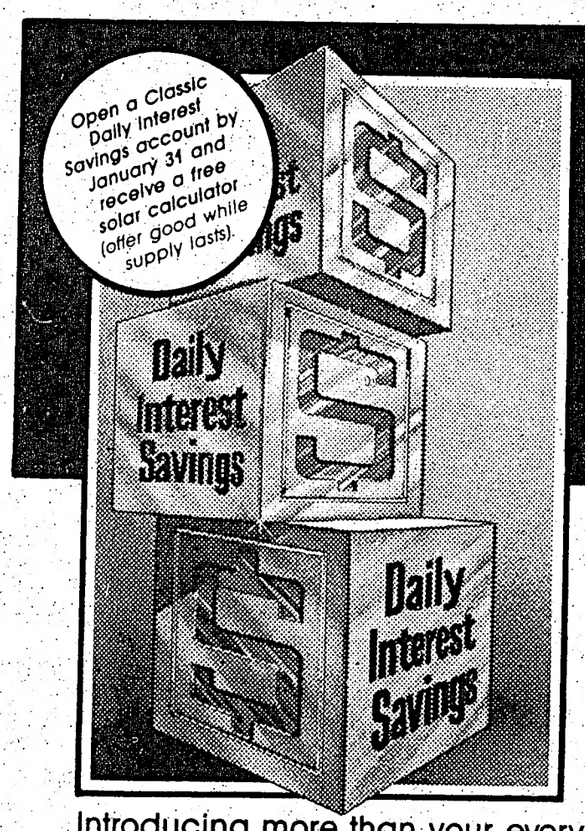
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# Business Outlook

## Medical-dental clinics spring up

# *Dentist parlays marketing skills into "empire"*

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Six years after graduating in dentistry from the University of Western Ontario, Jeffrey Swartz is no mere dentist.

At 32, he heads the second largest "dental retail level chain" in Canada and is, one might say, semi-retired from the practice of dentistry.

It was about three years after Swartz took up the drill and amalgam that his career took a dramatic turn. Since then, he has parlayed his marketing skills, entrepreneurial bent and knowledge of the practice of dentistry to create a far-flung dental "empire," with 15 medical-dental clinics across the country.

## Rapidly expanding

As a result of the added responsibility of supervising his rapidly expanding health care business, Swartz now devotes about 98% of his time to his commercial interests.

**Within the past year alone, Swartz has opened 12 dental-medical clinics nationwide, and there are plans to add even more.**

It took hard work, intense research and an entrepreneurial touch, but it appears Swartz has fastened onto an idea whose time has come.

You might call it the consumers' approach to the practice of dentistry, and the people in the marketplace seem to have gone for it in a big way.

**Swartz's clinics are located in prime retail locations — shopping malls and plazas that boast high pedestrian traffic. The clinics cater to the "walk-in" trade, particularly the 50% of Canadians who don't enjoy regular dental care.**

In fact, about 60% of the patients who frequent Swartz's clinics "walk in off the street," Swartz told The CJN, adding that as a result, he doesn't really affect the practices of established dentists.

Of that 60%, the vast majority become regular patients after experiencing the "internal marketing package of promoting proper health care," Swartz says.

What started as a bid for the dental trade has expanded to include medical practices, medical labs, optometrists, optical dispensers, physiotherapists — a sort of one-stop shopping centre for medical products.

Swartz says he came upon the idea five years ago, when he participated in a 5-person dental services advisory committee of the Ontario Dental Association.

Exercising their mandate to investigate dental care in North America, the committee looked into storefront dental clinics in California, Florida and elsewhere.

In the United States, storefront clinics "failed miserably" due to an absence of restrictions on advertising and because dentists offered cut-rate services, Swartz says. In addition, the unbridled competion had a detrimental affect on the practice of dentistry.

**But in Canada, Swartz reasoned, after correcting errors made in the U.S. and recognizing Canadian rules forbidding advertising, a retail-based trade could find a place in the market. (A competitor who had already been in the business four years made Swartz optimistic.)**

**Substituting the "eye-level advertising" of the shopping centre for standard advertising techniques seems to have paid off, but even Swartz has been "shocked" by the rapid growth of his business. He's sold his private practice to devote himself almost exclusively to his business investments.**

Dr. Jeffrey Swartz

He still practices dentistry one day per week, but the rest of the time finds him meeting with dentists and doctors, negotiating with health care practitioners such as chiropractors to join the business, poring over the details of the new facilities he plans to open across the country and arranging financing.

(Swartz is reticent about discussing the financial obligations he's incurred, but he admits he's sunk amounts "in six figures" into the venture.)

Magnum Medical Dental Offices Inc. is Swartz's solely owned company which manages the 15 outlets, and Swartz credits a number of people for their help in getting his business going: Snowcap Investments' co-owner Seymore Obront for finding prime retail locations; lawyer Barry Rotenberg, his "main confidante"; and real estate broker Martin Atkins.

Though he started as an "ordinary" dentist, Swartz now sees himself as "a health care broker," part of whose job is to answer the applications of the many dentists who want to become part of Swartz's health care business.

**Dentists working in the Swartz chain last year earned a minimum of $50,000, based on a 40 hour week, with some earning as much as $110,000 per year, he says, depending on patient flow and whether they are partners in the particular facility. It's no wonder dentists and dental school graduates are flocking to join Swartz's enterprise.**

With further expansion on the horizon, there will be room for new practitioners, and Swartz projects that by June, 1986 about 100 dentists will be working in the chain, as well as about 130 auxiliary staff.

For Swartz, a bachelor, the health care outlets are his "children" to which he devotes the bulk of his attention. The pride of his chain is the 10,000 sq. ft. health care office in the West Edmonton Mall, which Swartz says is the "largest private health care office in all of Canada."

**Occupying two levels of commercial space, with its own private elevator, the $1.2 million facility houses medical offices, dental offices — even a ladies aerobics-dancercize clothing store.**

**That link in the chain is one of three in Edmonton, and Swartz has opened two offices in Calgary and one in Winnipeg (Kildonan Place).**

Six of Swartz's "children" are located in Mississauga, while on Nov. 1 a new branch opened at the North York Sheridan Mall at Jane and Wilson in Toronto.

New plans foresee outlets opening at the Hudson's Bay Centre (Yonge and Bloor) in the spring of 1986 and at Sheppard Centre (Yonge and Sheppard) in the spring of 1987.

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